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There are many things to keep students occupied in the small town of Menomonie.

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Laptop Campus finally goes live

The long awaited digital campus is finally a reality as laptops were distributed last week

Nick Coenen
The Stoutonia

After years of planning and logistical tweaking, the University of Wisconsin-Stout finally rolled out laptops to the incoming freshmen class for the Fall 2002 academic year.

Distributed over two days, Thursday, Aug. 29 and Friday, Aug. 30, the laptops were given to the freshmen following an hour of brief training by consultants from the Vanguard computer company. The sessions ranged from the basics of opening the laptop all the way to backing up data onto CD-R discs.



"I learned I should back up my data because they told us like 12 times," Phil Murtha, a freshman Early Childhood Education major said.

While the training may have been overly repetitious for Murtha, other students receiving the laptops are still hoping for more training.

"There is so much we can do with these [laptops] that I just don't get," Jessie Stopera, a freshman Vocational Rehabilitation major, said. "It would be helpful to have someone on each dorm floor to help us."

These issues aside, those in charge of the Laptop Learning Initiative project are very pleased with the program so far.

"This is great," said Dr. John Hunt, member of the Laptop Learning Initiative team. "Everyone from the companies and the Stout people are all having a great time."

Representatives from the Vanguard, Compaq and Apple computer companies were all present during the rollout to ensure everything went smoothly.

"This is just excellent," said Vic Mincoff, leader of the Laptop Learning Initiative. "Nothing has happened that has been unmanageable."

This sentiment was echoed all the way up the administration.

"It all went very smooth," said Chancellor Charles Sorensen. "The students I talked to were so excited about it."



by Nick Coenen, The Stoutonia

Depending upon their major, students received two different laptops, either a Compaq PC laptop or an Apple iBook, both roughly valued at $1,753.

Students also received backpacks to carry their new laptops in. There were two backpack designs, one for the Apple and one for the Compaq.

These matching backpacks have raised the question of making freshmen easy targets for theft, but Mincoff disagrees.

"Theft within the university should be very low," said Mincoff. "Other universities that have done this have said that since everyone has [a laptop] theft just doesn't occur."

Students, however,

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Smooth move-in for new freshmen

Nick Coenen
The Stoutonia

Changes for this year's move-in

- Asked people to move-in at different times based on last name.
- Added more lanes and spaces to unload.
- Added staff at HKMC to increase the flow at the registration tables.
- Restrictions on which organizations were allowed to help move-in

The typical scene of chaos and disorder associated with freshmen move-in may be a thing of the past if the mold of this year's move-in is used in the future.

With some advance planning by the Housing and Residence Hall Life office, several of the typical stumbling blocks were averted.

"It was a really smooth move-in," said Scott Greisbach of Housing and Residence Hall Life. "It was a real improvement over the past years."

Many of the students who moved in on Wednesday, Aug. 28 also thought that it went well.

"Orientation went very smoothly and I felt very welcomed," Michelle Simon, a freshmen Psychology major , said.

There to help the students with the adjustment to college life are the residence hall assistants(RAs). Many of these RAs were just freshmen last year and remember what move in was like.

"From what I saw it went really smooth," said sophomore RA Emil Meindl. "The orientation group helped a lot. They did a lot of things we normally did."

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Weekday Weather

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 75° Low 58° Mostly Cloudy	High 82° Low 63° Scattered Showers	High 82° Low 60° Partly Cloudy

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Smell emanating from Lake Menomin

New residents given a rude welcome thanks to decomposing plant life in lake

Becky Werner
The Stoutonia

The shrill sound of Sara's alarm clock crudely interrupted her sleep. Having spent the last few weeks trying to prepare for her first year of college, Sara needed that long night's rest.

As she forced one eye open, she tried to re-familiarize her surroundings. Quickly, it all came back. She was in her dorm on North campus. Excited yet slightly frightened, she made her way to her window and pushed it open.

Rapidly a wall of stench greeted her on this new day. She immediately slammed the window shut, but it was too late. The smell had stained her room. The stench was suffocating!

Immediately, a flood of questions entered her mind. Where is this coming from? Why does it smell so strong? Will I have to live with this all year long?

Regrettably, this story is too close to the truth for hundreds of students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout Stout this year. Due to the rotting of algae in Lake Menomin, a horrible odor has been saturating the town of Menomonie, especially the inhabitants of North campus.

> "At times the stench is so unbearable that I have to retreat to a better ventilated room."
>
> **Christine Enger**
> *Freshman*

According to Ken Parejko, associate professor of biology at Stout, this smell can be traced back to the abundance of phosphorus in the lake. Many farmers and private home owners use fertilizers on their lawns and crops that are high in phosphorus. This, along with the warm temperatures in July, equate to a rapid reproduction of algae.

Typically, rain will flush out most of the algae, but due to a lack of rain this year most of it was carried with the current and deposited in Lake Menomin where it continues to rot. Parejko said that typically, the lake gives off a disagreeable odor, but it has never been this strong before.

"When I drove by I got a headache from the smell, it was so strong," Kersten Wilson, a Junior, said.

Christine Enger, a freshman North campus resident, has also been coping with the terrible smell.

"At times the stench is so unbearable that I have to retreat to a better ventilated room just to escape the smell," Enger said.

Even though this discomfort has been interrupting the lives of many this year, it does not have to be tolerated in the future.

The solution would apply to the entire community living along a surrounding lake or river.

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Elephant terrorizes Menomonie. Really.

Nick Coenen
The Stoutonia

The local residents and few students who stayed in Menomonie over the summer were treated to a very unusual sight as an elephant lumbered through two miles of the downtown streets.

The elephant, named Mary, was performing for the Shrine Circus at the Dunn County Recreation Park on June 17 when the incident occurred.

At first, Mary was accompanied by her mother, 21 year-old Tory, but Tory was quickly detained by police. Mary then began her walk through the streets of Menomonie.

In all, Mary hiked about two miles and racked up several hundred dollars worth of damage before her eventual capture.

With the assistance of mother elephant Tory, trainer Billy Morris was able to peacefully detain the 6 year-old runaway.

While no one was seriously hurt by the elephant, many were shaken by the experience and one child received mild injuries.



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An elephant from the Shrine Circus escaped animal trainers and wandered two miles through Menomonie.

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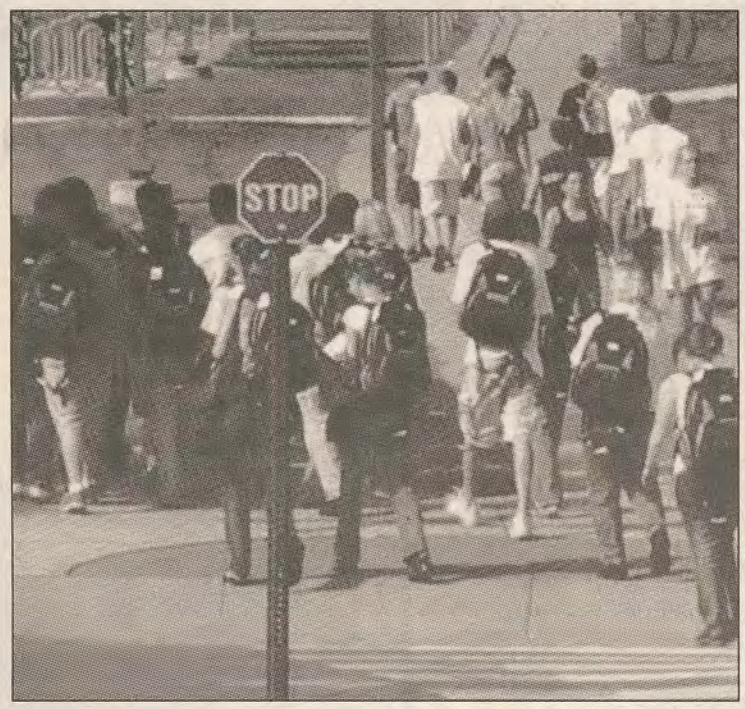
have a different approach to this situation.

"I probably won't use mine," Aleka Poulios, a freshman, said. "It really puts a target on you as a freshman."

Freshmen have also complained of other problems within the technical side of the wireless network, including laptops shutting themselves off, lack of technical support and slow bandwidth.

To Mincoff though, these are just early glitches which will be worked out in time.

"There will undoubtedly be a few issues in the beginning," said Mincoff, "but I plan to be continually involved with this program for the entire year."



submitted photo

A large group of freshmen leaves the Memorial Student Center after receiving their laptops.

Smell suffocates campus

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"Don't apply any phosphorus in fertilizers anywhere near the river," Parejko said.

Those without control over that area have the liberty of joining the lake association in their attempts to help clean up the waters and in turn, the air.

Hopefully, the lakes and rivers in the Menomonie Area can be cleaned, eliminating the foul odor. This effort needs to be enforced by the whole community, for it affects not only those who permanently reside here but also those whose stay is only temporary. In any case it should be our goal to make the stay for Stout's new students as welcoming as possible.

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When did we move into a port-a-potty?

A new year is upon us. We can look forward to meeting lots of new people, learning news things, having fun and vomiting whenever we smell the green waters of Lake Menomin.

We have nothing but pity for the hundreds of incoming freshmen that have to live near the lake on North Campus.

They don't know it, but the lake hasn't always smelled this bad. I've heard tales that this is the worst smell in 30 years.

And what is the city, county or state going to do about this? Probably nothing.

This is one time where I really hope I'm wrong, since I have to live on Main Street, but I doubt I am. In all likelihood, the powers that be will just let winter come, kill off all the algae and in no way prevent this from happening again.

The most likely culprit for our stinky situation is phosphorus run-off from the many farms that surround the Menomonie area.

It seems to me that the local Department of National Resources should get off its duff and start enforcing more stringent irrigation procedures.

But all this will probably not happen. We will just have to wait for the mercy of the first cold-snap to kill off the algae.

What I really don't get is why this is allowed to happen. I would think that the city would be upset that the lake smells worse than the sewage-treatment plant on the other side of town.

The lake has smelled for years and nothing has been done, so why should they start now, even though it has never smelled this bad?

All we can do now is bear it. Sadly this means I can't go out on the deck at The Waterfront bar, one of my favorite things.



Get Involved! is more than a gimmick



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

I really wish that as you read this article I could tell you that it was written with great preparation and care, and that it was ready literally days in advance of the publish date. Unfortunately, that would be a big lie.

The truth is, I am writing this article at 12:25 a.m., and I am not even close to leaving my work at *The Stoutonia* for the night.

That may sound like a punishment to some, but to me, it is a labor of love. This newspaper is one of my greatest accomplishments in college. It tests every aspect of my being and challenges me in ways class alone never could.

That is what I am writing to you all about this week. While you all have probably seen the *Get Involved!* posters on this campus, I ask you to not disregard them the way many do.

Getting involved on campus is much more than a gimmick or promotion; it is a life-changing process. It is the common belief that this university, more than most for some reason, is a "drinking" college. Well, to some, it is. However, to others, it is a place of great growth and new found skills.

That is, only if you seek to hone these skills. As I begin my fourth and hopefully final complete year at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, I can't help but think that if the party scene would have replaced my time at *The Stoutonia* and Campus Crusade for Christ, I wouldn't be who I am today.

I would not be nearly as responsible. I would not be comfortable walking up to literally anyone and talking to them. I would not be confident in all I do. And most importantly, I would not have the sense of humor and determination I now have gained. If I were to take away one semester at any one of my many organization involvements, I would be the typical college student. Something I never want to be.

The choice is ultimately yours. We all have to juggle a hectic schedule. The question is just if you plan to juggle apples and oranges or torches and chainsaws.

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I wish that I knew what I know now, when I was younger



TESTPATTERN
Matt Tracy, Esq.

As I enter my fifth year at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, I would like to empart on you some of the knowledge I've accrued in that time.

The first, and I think the most important, is that you should set yourself goals or an agenda that you can stick to in your time here. What I mean is, don't mess aroound with your time. If you want, spend the first year figuring out your limits, but don't exceed them.

The more time you waste not achieving your goals, the more you'll hate the fact that it is taking you forever to leave this institution. I was stupid and changed my major in my third year. I didn't have my real goals set, and it set me back to the tune of about 2 years.

I don't regret the time I speant here, but I do wish that I was closer to the end than I am. As Chris Rock put it: "No one wants to be the old guy in the club."

College is cool for a couple of years, but that "super, duper senior" moniker gets old pretty fast.

I just want you younger types to heed my warning. I know no one likes to be lectured or warned about things they think they know about, but trust me, I'm right. I wish someone would have told me all this long ago.

9.11... A Day of Remembrance



Morning Reflection.. Bells Toll to remind us of those who perished.

7.45 Bells Toll in remembrance of the first plane crash into WTC;
8.03 Bells Tolls in remembrance of the second plane crash into WTC;
8.43 Bells Toll in remembrance of the third plane crash at the Pentagon;
9.10 Bells Toll in remembrance of the fourth plane crash in Pennysylvania.

"Where Were You?"

9.00a-4.00p Reflection books throughout campus and Menomonie.
Students, Staff, and Community are invited to share their experiences in writing.

9.00a-4.00p Birch Gallery Display...
The 11th in pictures, art, and prose.
Memorial Student Center, lower level.

8.00-closing... Week of September 10 Library Learning Center Lobby
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"An American Tribute"

12.00 Gathering around the Flagpole near the Administration Building. Raising of the Flag, followed by the singing of the National Anthem.

"Finding Peace in a World Filled With War."

4.30 The Involvement and Leadership Center, in coordination with the UW-Stout Counseling Center will host a group discussion surrounding the idea of finding personal peace, and dealing with the tragic events in our lives.
Memorial Student Center. Huff's lower level.

"An International Experience.."
What it means to be a citizen of the WORLD.

5.30 Panel discussion will be held in the Grandview Terrace. Participants are encouraged to pick up dinner, available in the Terrace Cafe.

"Joining Hands as a Community.." Ecumenical Programs..

7.00 local clergy at 3 locations throughout the city will lead Interfaith services, locations include: Wilson Park, Fowler Park, and Menomonie Public Library.

7.45 Departure from designated locations to the campus.

"How Our World Has Changed.." Candlelight Memorial

7.50 Stout Hand Drumming club drums participants into the south mall gathering space. (adjacent to Memorial Student Center)

8.00 "A Nation Changed Forever, One Year Later"
Presentations, dedication of the "Everlasting Memorial," recognitions and quiet reflection.

9.00 "Amazing Grace.."
Sung a cappella by participants then piped by Scot Catto, member of Chippewa Valley Pipe and Drum.

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Menomonie is not so boring after all

Tips for what to do on and off campus

Tiffany Laschinger
The Stoutonia

Once the boxes are unpacked and the good-byes are said, sitting down to watch TV seems like a waste of time when there is a new place to explore. Menomonie may only be a town of fourteen thousand, but it is bursting with things to do. While the city limits reach far beyond the campus boundaries, many students sit around the dorms repeating the one-line dialogue of "What do you want to do?"

By just taking a walk down Broadway or Main Street, the diverse array of mom and pop stores are hard to avoid; they fill the town with anything that a person could need. While these specialty stores may hold some very unique finds, Wal-Mart and K-Mart offer the low price one-stop shopping that attract poor college students. The toy aisle offers many fun and juvenile activities that can either be bought or just used right there in the store to amuse even the most mature minds.

"You can have roller chair races, down the aisles," says Heather Sodemann, a sophomore in Hospitality and Tourism Management. "Just don't get caught."



by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

UW-Stout students can enjoy a game of Frisbee Golf at Wakanda Park located off Pine Avenue. The course has eighteen "holes" to test frisbee throwing skills.

Menomonie's eatery venues extend far beyond the Price Commons or the Terrace. If you are just looking to get a cup of coffee, go to Acoustic Café located on Broadway to get an excellent cup of joe, and a relaxing atmosphere.

"It is a great place to eat if you are a vegetarian," says Janet Lohr, a sophomore in Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Another place to try is Bagels.com on Main; they also deliver. If you want a fast bite to eat, head to Subway, Erbert's and Gerbert's or Burger King. If you desire Asian cuisine try the Fortune Cookie. Menomonie also offers many sit down restaurants for that hot date you have. Applebee's, Perkin's and Jake's Supper Club are just a few great places to eat.

Now to finish up that hot date, why not go see a movie at either the State Theater for $3.00 or the Cinemagic Stadium 7 costing only $1.25 more.

Those low on cash or saving up for the parties that night can choose one of these free activities.

Menomonie has many parks including Wakanda, Phalen, Miller or Wilson. Wakanda park has a frisbee golf course for those that are looking for a leisure sport.

For those who like to run, rollerblade, bike or just like a good walk, the Red Cedar trail, which stretches along the Red Cedar River, is a great place to go.

To take advantage of the rest of the summer weather, why not take a lazy tube ride down the river. Roscoe's Red Cedar Outfitters rents out tubes, canoes and kayaks. Next door, the Trailhead bike shop rents out bikes.

"It's a way to get out and enjoy an outdoor activity," says Heather Husting a Red Cedar Outfitters employee. "It can be calm and relaxing or you can excercise."

The campus also provides many opportunities to get out of the dorms and be active. A volleyball net and sandpit is placed outside of most dorms.

The Johnson Fieldhouse loans out sports equipment. Within the Fieldhouse, students have a choice to work out in the weight room, run on the track, play racquetball, swim or climb the rock-climbing wall.

The Rec Center located in the Memorial Student Center has ping pong tables, a pool table and an eight-lane bowling alley. Every thursday the Rec Center holds an event called Thursday Night Out. Students can bowl, play pool, pingpong or darts for free. Prizes are given out every week

Get creative with things that you can find in the dorms and invent a game like soapy twister to have some clean and crazy fun.

Crystal Engler, a sophomore in Hospitality and Tourism Management, strongly suggests this game, "Get half naked and put some soap and water on a twister board and play on!"

Go ahead and party hard, but party smart

Things to keep in mind when drinking alcohol on campus

Tiffany Laschinger
The Stoutonia

Jim Belushi set the standards for college lifestyle back in the 1978 film Animal House. America recieved the vision of minimal class work and endless partying.

For most people, 18 years is long enough to live at home under the watchful eye of parents. With the watchful eye diving away, the control is now placed in the lap of the child who is now free to do whatever he or she wants. College is more than a diploma, rather it's about the experiences it takes to get to graduation.

As much as the administration wants to hide it, the University of Wisconsin-Stout is known for parties. According to the 2001 College Binge Drinking Survey, three of the top four factors contributing to excessive drinking relate to environment. These factors include easy access to alcohol from bars or liquor stores near campus, cheap prices of alcohol and advertising of liquor and bars around the campus.

Orientation week is a great time for students to get to know each other and some of the great organizations and activities that the campus has to offer. A time honored place to get to know people is at a party. With the exception of Homecoming week, many students would agree that orientation week is one of the biggest party weeks all year.

Word spreads like wildfire throughout the campus about where the house parties will be located each-night. Within a couple of weeks, the best party houses have already established a reputation.

So feel free to crack open that beer, but in the lure of mimicking the lifestyle of Jim Belushi, take note of these tips.

Go to class. It is very important to show up on the first two days of class; the professor may drop you from the class, or you may miss vital information about the course. As in high school, many professors still use attendance as a grade determiner. Morning classes are a pain, and are even worse after a long night of partying. As unappealing as an 8:00 a.m. sounds while hungover, it is far better than wasting time and money

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repeating it next semester.

Watch out for the police. The university has been working hard to bring down the drinking rates, and punishments can be extremely harsh. A first offense drinking citation for a minor is $213 and will rise with each offence. Residents risk banishment from their dorm if they are caught twice, and risk losing any financial aid.

The university wants to deter the students from drinking by scaring them into thinking that if they drink, they will get caught.

The truth is, enforcement is minimal. Local and campus police are not blind to all of the drunk student stumbling down the streets; they are more concerned with making sure that everyone is safe rather than busting a slightly intoxicated minor heading home from a party.

"If you are not being stupid and causing trouble the police will leave you alone," says Anthony Dolan a sophomore in Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Parties do get busted, but the police will more than likely let people walk out and just fine the house. They will however, stop someone doing anything to draw attention. If they spot someone running, being loud or causing trouble, they will more than likely intervine.

When going to a party, pay attention to where the party is located, while partially sober. It may be more difficult to find the way back to the dorms while drunk.

"Use the buddy system," says De Larson, a senior in International Business, also a resident advisor in North Hall. "Have a code with your friends so you know when you have to leave."

Leave a party with a couple friends; do not leave alone. Not all of the streets in Menomonie are well lit; assault is always a factor, even in a small town. Try to stay on the main roads or on well-lit sidewalks.

"Walk on the sides where there are less bushes," says Larson. "You can see if anyone is hiding.

When at a party, pay close attention to your cup at all times. Drugs like Rohypnol and GHB are common date rape drugs and usage is on the rise.

When entering back into the dorms, make sure to have identification. It is required to enter any dorm after midnight. Do not make a big scene upon entering, the 'after house party look' is quite obvious to the night staff, so a grand entrance is not necessary. If puking cannot be avoided, aim directly into the toilet with the seat up, so as not to make a mess. A mess equals an angry RA and quite possibly a $30 fine to either the person or the whole floor.

"Don't continue to drink after you have puked," advises Dave Schulz, a sophomore in construction.

Partying will undoubtedly continue, but heed this advice and learn from the mistakes of others.

"A scary encounter with a suicide attempt."



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

This summer I was up at my friends cabin and on a drunken whim, my friends and I decided to go skinny dipping in Lake Millacs. The sky was threatening to rage and downpour, but we decided to go anyway. We visited with a local lady that was just sitting on the beach having a drink. After about ten minutes of swimming, we decided to leave due to the dangers of being in water when it is lighting.

After waiting out the storm, three friends and I headed back to the beach. Wading up the flooded path to the beach, we found a car with its headlights on, surrounded by water. The same woman we met earlier that night was slumped over in the front seat.

As I sat in the sand trying to get the woman to respond, My friends Regis and Tommy searched the car. They found an empty bottle of whisky and couple empty bottles of prescription pills.

Realizing that this was possibly a suicide attempt, we drove her car to the nearest hospital. I got in the back seat with the woman to keep her awake while Regis drove.

Through her fragmented speech, I learned her name was Lisa. Lisa was 25 and a member of the Millacs band of Ojibwe.

Topping out at speeds of 110 mph down a highway in the rain, Regis drove through a grass median to get to a gas station on the other side of the street. There we called the police and waited for help.

Her blood alcohol concentration was .25. We all just sat there in shock and thought about what happened as we waited for our friends to pick us up.

I do not know what happened to Lisa after that night, but I hope she has realized that someone does care and that her life is important. I am very glad that we went back to the beach. The events of that night will always remain with me, and I hope that we have changed Lisa's perspective on life to be a postive one.

The Fake News

Red Cedar River to be officially renamed "Shit Creek"

Smell of river and lake prompt renaming

Unther Kvnkafdoef
The Stoutonia

Over the last few months, the smell of Lake Menomin has prompted the Department of National Resources the officially rename the lake and river system Shit Creek.

"We thought about giving the lake a normal name, but we just couldn't pass up such an obvious opportunity," said D.N.R. representative Chad Hopkins.

The renaming came from an initiative launched after the algae bloom in the lake produced a smell that could not be ignored by anyone in town. The cause of the algae growth has been attributed to fertilizer run-off from the surrounding farms.

"The the feces and fertilizer from the farms in this area have made a disgustingly perfect environment for algae growth," said Hopkins.

The university is at a loss as to how to deal with the renaming, as the lake is a prominent fixture in most University of Wisconsin-Stout promotional material.

"We used to be able to say that UW-Stout was located on the beautiful Red Cedar River," said UW-Stout admissions representative John Orr. "Now what are we going to say, 'Come to UW-Stout, located up Shit Creek?'"

Other names were considered for the name of the lake, but were not used because they did not convey the essence of the lake.

"We thought about naming it Green Lake, or algae Lake," said Hopkins. "But if you've smelled that place, you understand the name."

City officials are now considering leasing space to a Febreeze factory in the Stout Technology Park to counter the smell in town. Forty years ago, Swiss Miss was brought in to counter the smell of the sewage treatment plant.



by Turd Jurgenson, The Stoutonia

Shit Creek engulfs the town with the pungent smell.

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Campus Slant

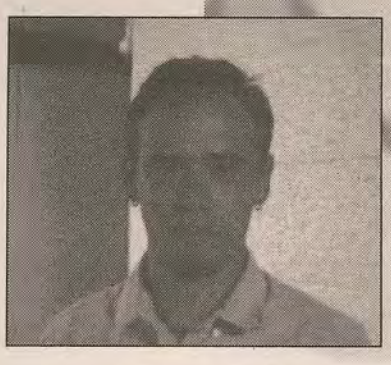


"Cabin time."
~Anne Moore,
Jr., Early Childhood Development



"Rehab. Thank you Arbor Place."
~Keegan O'Brien
Sr., Marketing Education

What will you miss the most about summer?



"The beach."
~Bishop
Sr., Graphic Design

"Supportive friends."
~Danielle Spielbauer
Soph., Industrial Design



Next Week:

How do you feel about the United State's attempt to counteract terrorism?

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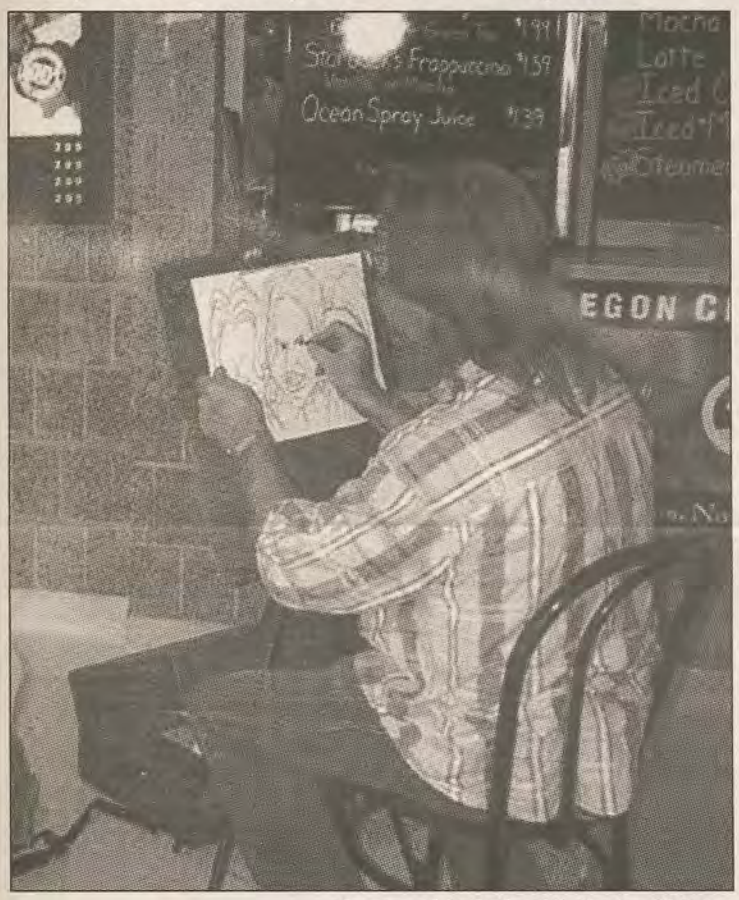
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Bashing in a new year

Tiffany Bockhop
The Stoutonia

Starting back to school is never easy. Getting books and sitting through the first classes makes students a little skeptical of what the year may bring. No need to worry or put yourself into a frenzy. Unleash all your first-week jitters, play games and win prizes at the University of Wisconsin-Stout's biggest bash.

The annual Welcome Back Bash will start at 10:00 a.m. and run until midnight on Thurs., Sept. 5. With a variety of both indoor and outdoor events, the bash promises to provide enjoyment for everyone.



Courtesy of the Student Life Services Webpage

The returning caricature artist will provide entertainment at the Welcome Back Bash on Thursday in the Memorial Student Center.

"The Welcome Back Bash is open to everyone—students, faculty, staff and community!" said Anthony Wheeler, Welcome Back Bash Coordinator. "The events are catered to a very large and diverse crowd. We urge everyone to enjoy the day's events!"

In order to cater to everyone's interests, a wide range of activities will be provided throughout the day. Returning activities include a palm reader, caricature artist, paintball shooting/demonstration, bike registration, alcohol awareness booth sponsored by the counseling center and a lunch cookout sponsored by the Greeks and Stout Student Association.

Starting this year, the bash will also include an outdoor climbing wall, lawn games sponsored by Blue Devil Productions, an InterFraternal Council (IFC) informal greek rush, a skateboarding demonstration and the Clayton Miller Blues Band.

If palm reading and a climbing wall aren't enough, there are always boxes full of prizes to be won, including UW-Stout sweatshirts, portable CD player, digital camera and DVD player.

The success of this all-day event year after year is due to the hard work and organization of the staff of University Centers. Wheeler coordinated the bash this year as part of his internship position, and has spent the summer learning a variety of skills by working with numerous people and businesses.

"There are so many facets of event planning that I would have never imagined—ranging from reserving the space for the event, contracting the talent, staying within a designated budget, creating advertisements and getting people in the building to enjoy the event," Wheeler said. "The experience of working in so many areas can't be matched and there is no way the event would have gotten off the ground without the ideas and help of many talented people."

Focusing on the involvement aspect of University Centers, Wheeler and the rest of the staff are putting their energy into getting the UW-Stout community involved by producing this entertaining bash for all to enjoy while continuously incorporating their leadership focus.

Wheeler said, "The Welcome Back Bash is a launching pad for our new "Enhancing Life and Leadership" identifier."

the charts

Top 10 Albums

1. Eminem - "The Eminem Show"
2. Nelly - "Nellyville"
3. Avril Lavigne - "Let Go"
4. Clipse - "Lord Willin'"
5. Bruce Springsteen - "The Rising"
6. James Taylor "October Road"
7. Various Artist- "NOW That's What I Call Music"
8. Linkin Park - "Reanimation"
9. Toby Keith - "Unleashed"
10. Norah Jones -"Come Away with Me"

Top 10 Movies

1. *Signs*
2. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*
3. *XXX*
4. *Spy Kids 2*
5. *Feardotcom*
6. *Austin Powers in Goldmember*
7. *Blue Crush*
8. *Serving Sara*
9. *The Good Girl*
10. *One Hour Photo*

Top 10 TV Shows

1. "American Idol"- Tuesday
2. "American Idol" - Wednesday
3. "Everybody Loves Raymond"
4. "CSI"
5. "Law & Order"
6. "Becker"
7. "Law & Order: Criminal Intent"
8. "Football: 49ers vs. Broncos"
9. "Meet My Folks"
10. "Dog Eat Dog"

Top 10 Books

1. "The Red Rabbit" - Tom Clancy
2. "The Lovely Bones"- Alice Seibold
3. "Standing in the Rainbow"-Fannie Flagg
4. "The Nanny Diaries" - Emma McLaughlin and Nicola Kraus
5. "The Beach House" - James Patterson and Peter de Jonge
6. "A Love of My Own" - E. Lynn Harris
7. "The Remnant: On the Brink of Armageddon" - Tim LaHaye
8. "Eleventh Floor" - Catherine Coulter
9. "Stone Kiss" - Faye Kellerman
10. "The Dive from Clausen's Pier" - Ann Packer

Blue Devil Productions opener

Blue Devil Productions opens their season with family-based band

Amanda Dobbratz
The Stoutonia

Guerilla programming. Gorilla what? Gorillas, you know, as in large, hairy primates. If you see one (or two) around campus don't be alarmed, they're only the friendly mascots of Blue Devil Productions (BDP).

BDP is the student organization responsible for programming entertainment here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Consisting of eleven student staff members and volunteers, the BDP has departments in marketing, graphic and multimedia design, film, performing arts, music, comedy and administration.

The BDP staff has been working hard all summer spending your student-segregated fees to bring you the best in on-campus entertainment. This semester boasts The Clayton Miller Blues Ban; Crash, a Dave Matthews tribute band; Mark Mallman and Atmosphere.

BDP will also show a brand-new underground film series including Instrument, a documentary on the D.C. band Fugazi; Swallow and Flat is Beautiful, a double-feature focusing on eating disorders and other women's issues and The American Psychodrama: From Ford to Freud; a look at American culture.

In addition, the always-free Blue Devil Lounge series will occur on Thursdays in the Heritage Café and feature open mic nights alternating with such performers as emcee Sage

*please see **BDP**, page 10*



Courtesy of Blue Devil Productions

The family-based Clayton Miller Blues Band will kick-off the Blue Devil Production season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Clayton Miller Blues Band
September 5-8:00 p.m.
Pawn Patio

Sean Cullen
September 13-8:00 p.m.
Great Hall

Open Mic Night
September 12 & 26-8:00 p.m.
Heritage Cafe

Crash: Dave Matthews Tribute Band
September 18-8:00 p.m.
Great Hall

Judy Shepard
September 30-7:30 p.m.
Great Hall

Rentals available on Broadway

Broadway Entertainment, the new movie rental store opens by dorms

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

How often have pizza and a movie combined to make a night's entertainment? In a campus community like the University of Wisconsin-Stout, it's a frequent occurrence to find a bunch of friends wedged into a dorm room, eating pizza, and huddled around a television.

Recently, it became especially convenient for UW-Stout students to find entertainment for a night The opening of Broadway Entertainment will provide student's with an easy-access entertainment. The new movie and game rental store is now open in the same building as Domino's Pizza on the 1200 block of Broadway, across from the Merle Price Commons.

A grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration will be announced soon. Travis Joncas, the general manager of Dominos Pizza and owner of Broadway Entertainment, plans to offer a "rent one, get one free" special as well as give-aways and of course, coupons for pizza.

All it takes to get a membership at Broadway Entertainment is a phone number. If you share your phone number with someone else, you can still have your own account by adding an "A" to the end of your phone number. That way, you won't get charged for your roommate's late fees.

New releases are $3 for one night, DVD's are $2 for two nights, older movies are $1 for three nights and games are $3 for three nights. Rentals are due to the store by 11:30 p.m. and late fees are half of the rental price.

Frequent customers are rewarded with a "rent ten, get the eleventh free" program.



by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

The new movie rental store, Broadway Entertainment, is lined with shelves of VHS movies, DVDs and video games for customers to rent.



by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

Broadway Entertainment is conveniently located next to Dominos Pizza on Broadway Street straight across from South Hall and the Merle Price Commons.

Joncas had always wanted to own a business next to Dominos-where Broadway Entertainment is now located. Once he had the location, money and idea for what he calls "the perfect business marriage," two became one.

Since opening on August 23, 2002, business has been good.

"It's been getting better everyday," said Joncas.

The near-campus location was key in Joncas' decision to open a store like Broadway Entertainment.

BDP / Clayton Miller Blues Band kicks-off BDP's exciting season

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Francis, production team The Opus, comedian Mike Birbiglia,and spoken-word artist Desdamona.

The kick-off to the BDP season will occur Thurs., Sept. 5 at 8 p.m. on the Pawn Patio with The Clayton Miller Blues Band as part of the Blue Devil Lounge series.

When asked what the band could be likened to, Darrin Witucki, BDP Advisor, said, "The Jackson Five doing Blues!"

The Clayton Miller Blues Band is a family band consisting of Larry Miller on bass, and his sons, Clayton, 20, on guitar and vocals; Cole, 16, on drums and vocals; and L.D., 8, on a mean harmonica.

In regards to L.D.'s harmonica skills, his father says, "One day he just got off the school bus, only five years old, just wailing on the harmonica. We couldn't believe it because none of us play the blues harp. We don't know how he learned…"

Take a risk and expose yourself to art. Check out The Clayton Miller Blues Band and other BDP events throughout the year; chances are, you'll like them.

BDP executive producer Bitsy Hansen cites the organization's slogan as "We'll make you come."

"We are the kids your parents warned you about," cautions a BDP recruitment flyer. If you would like to be one of these infamous kids or take part in the self-declared "SSA funded debauchery" of Blue Devil Productions, check out one of their meetings at 6 p.m., Monday nights in Crystal Ballroom A.

If you have any questions about BDP or their events call them at x2432 or look at their website at http://bdp.uwstout.edu. In any case, keep your eyes open for gorillas, croquet and general mayhem because mayhem is simply just another word for fun.

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Blue Devils look to start strong

Curt Trnka
The Stoutonia

Football at the University of Wisconsin-Stout should provide a great deal of entertainment this season. After finishing last year at 6-3 overall, but only 4-3 in the conference, the Blue Devils are looking to reclaim the conference title. With 18 returning starters, that is quite possible.

From last year's league best defense, 10 of 11 starters will be returning. Unfortunately, the one player the Blue Devils will have the challenge of replacing is Tony Beckham, who graduated last year and was drafted by the Tennessee Titans.

"Obviously, replacing someone who was drafted by the NFL will be difficult," coach Meierkort said, "but lots of the teams (we played) made Tony a non-factor by not throwing there."

With returning senior defensive back Eric Moe, who is currently tied for the all-time UW-Stout lead in career interceptions with 15, the defense should remain at the top of the league. Earlier this month, Moe was named to be first-team All-America pre-season edition. Last year he picked off eight passes and defended a team-high 16 passes.

The Blue Devils have an incredibly deep linebacking corp for the upcoming season. In fact Meierkort is so sure of the linebackers that he in considering moving senior Mark Ralph, a second team all-conference linebacker, back to fullback.

"That shows how deep we are at linebacker if we can move an all-conference linebacker to another position," Meierkort said.

UW-Stout uses a 3-4 defensive scheme and it works great in the hard-hitting Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference. As the top ranked defense last year, the Blue Devils allowed 276.7 total yards, which was over 40 yards fewer than the second ranked team.



Courtesy Sports Information

Senior defensive back Eric Moe makes an interception last season in a game against UW-Whitewater.

Sophomore quarterback Nick Ohman leads eight starters who are returning to a Blue Devil offense that finished third in the WIAC.

Ohman won the starting role about midway through last season, and had 1,282 total yards from scrimage; he ran for 291 yards, and passed for 991 yards while throwing only four interceptions.

In the backfield, Junior Luke Bundgaard, the fourth ranked all-time leading rusher in UW-Stout history, is back and ready for another productive season. With 2,087 yards, he only needs 570 yards to move up to the number three spot on the list. Last year Bundgaard rushed for 721 yards and averaged 4.1 yards per carry.

Bare-footed place kicker Justin Zmyewski and punter Chris Parent are back this year and looking to build on good seasons last year.

In a pre-season poll, the Blue Devils were picked to win their conference, just edging out last years co-champs University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. However, the Pointers are ranked 9th in the pre-season Street & Smith Poll, while the Blue Devils are ranked 18th. Last year's other co-champs, University of Wisconsin Eau Claire, were not ranked in the Top 25.

UW-Stout will begin the season with one the road in Jackson, Mississippi on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Three of the Blue Devils first four games are on the road, and the only home game during that stretch is a huge Conference game with UW-Eau Claire on Sept. 21 at 7 p.m. at Nona & Don Williams Field.

WIAC Pre-season Poll

1. Stout (4*)
2. Stevens Point (4*)
3. Eau Claire
4. Platteville
5. Whitewater
6. La Crosse
7. River Falls
8. Oshkosh

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Realigned NFL stays the same



Bench Warmer
Curt Trnka

As another school year starts, so does another NFL season. This off-season saw two major changes in the league. In April, the Houston Texans became the 32nd team in professional football. Along with the new team came new divisions. Realignment changes the landscape of football. Here is a quick trip through the retooled league.

Assuming that you already know the Rams are the team to beat, I will go through the league and point out some teams that might be sleepers and threats to make the playoffs.

In New York, the Jets are strong, getting a face-lift on defense, and adding a healthy Santana Moss to the roster. Second year head coach Herm Edwards will push this team to the playoffs, and possibly beat out the defending Super Bowl champs, the New England Patriots, for the AFC East title this season.

Another team that will surprise people is Kansas City. Trent Green will rebound to form, helped by the signing of Tony Gonzalez and Johnny Morton. Playoff bound, this team is deep on both sides of the ball.

Ricky Williams is gone, so why are the Saints thinking playoffs? Well that's probably because they are a better team without him. They will be looking much younger with Aaron Brooks, Deuce McAllister and Donte Stallworth, but that should not stop them from winning the NFC South.

Both the NFC South and the AFC South are new divisions that could be won by anyone, since the teams are not familiar with one another. In the AFC's newest division, the Titans, Colts and Jaguars all look to rebound from losing seasons. Any of these teams could have a good year, but look for the Titans to win the division.

Also in the AFC South are the Texans. With a great expansion draft and collegiate draft, some people are thinking playoffs for this first year team. It could happen, but probably not considering that they are an expansion team.

That's enough on the sleeper teams that will surprise people. Let's move on to some teams that are just hoping for better years. The Vikings are a team that can only get better. They hope that the Randy Ratio will not only reinvent the offense, but also take pressure off the mildly improved defense.

Now that the Bills have Drew Bledsoe, they can look forward to a real quarterback helming the team; the level of play in Buffalo will greatly improve. Unfortunately, greatly improving last year's level of play could mean a seven or eight win season.

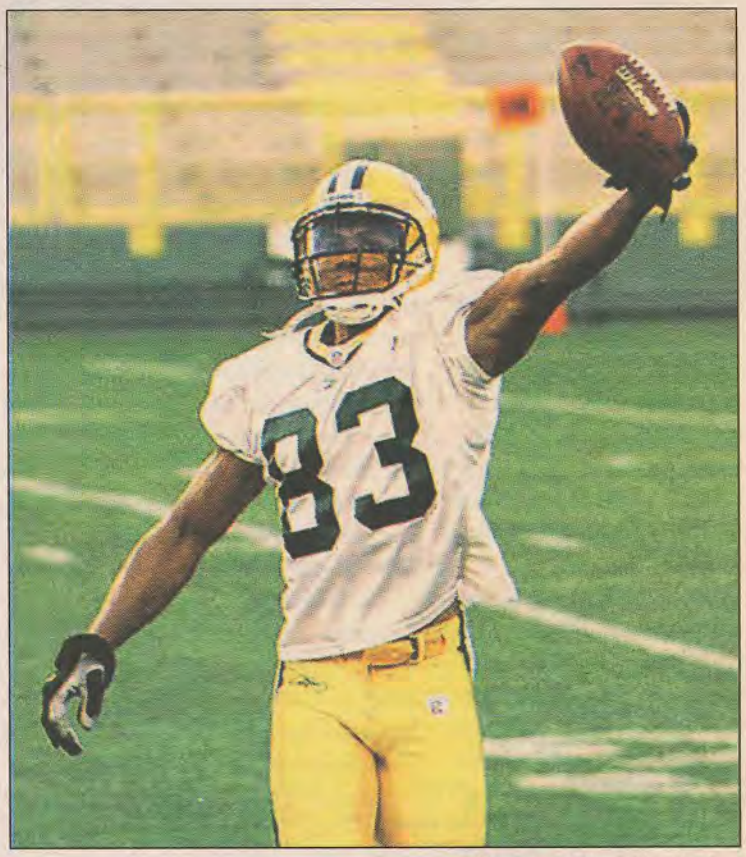
Joey Harington has been brought in to help resurrect the Detroit Lions. Can anyone explain to me why Mike McMahon is still the starter?

Contending teams are numerous in the NFC this year. Starting with the familiar teams in the Central, both the Packers and the Bears are expected to be in the playoffs. The question here is which will be the division champ and the wildcard. My guess is that Jim Miller and the Bears' unrelenting defense will have to fight their way through the playoffs as a wildcard.

Green Bay has some questions entering the season. Why is Ahman Green not tearing through defenses this year? Will Brett Favre and Terry Glenn have any timing at all? Will the defense be commanding with the addition of Joe Johnson, or will the loss of longtime leader Leroy Butler have an adverse affect on the team? Odds are fairly good that by week three, the Packers will be firing on all cylinders.

So I double-checked, and St. Louis really did lose the Super Bowl last year. That could easily be reconciled this season, as the Rams remain the best offense in the league.

Of course the Rams, as I mentioned before, are the team to beat this year, and it is possible that the team that can overtake them will be division rival San Francisco. The 49er's are bringing back one of the most exciting offenses that doesn't play on turf. Add in the fact that the defense can shut down opponents before halftime, and you have a team capable of defeating the Rams.



Courtesy of Green Bay Packers

New Packer wideout Terry Glenn demonstrates how not to catch a pass at an early pre-season practice.

In the East, Philadelphia will be looking to see if the addition of Antonino Freeman can free James Thrash. If so, Donovan McNabb might finally have a legitimate number one receiver. If Duce Staley returns to form, the Eagles will enjoy a very successful offense.

Even now when I think team to beat in the AFC, I don't think of the defending champs, the Patriots. No, I'm afraid the top-of-the-line team in the AFC is the Steelers. Last year, Jerome Bettis was hampered by injuries late in the season, so look for Pittsburgh to use Amos Zereoue to spell the Bus and keep him fresh for the year. Pittsburgh could be the AFC's Super Bowl team this year.

Finally, in the toughest division in football, the AFC East looks like it could be putting three teams into the playoffs. The Jets, the Patriots, and the Dolphins will play for the division title, but the Dolphins are pretenders not contenders.

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A Campus Remembers

Becky Werner
The Stoutonia

"On behalf of the President of the United States, the department of defense, and a grateful nation, this flag is presented to you, in honor of your loved one's dedicated and honorable service. May God be with you and your family during your time of bereavement."

These few sentences are daily being told to the families who have lost a loved one that has served or is serving in the U.S. armed forces.

The empathy and thankfulness expressed in those words of grief applies not only to the deceased military servicemen, but also to those that were lost in the attacks of September 11, 2001: the pilots, stewards/stewardesses, passengers, office workers in the twin towers, medical staff, volunteers, firemen, policemen, and also the military personnel. On this day, one year later, we have many opportunities to express our grief and patriotism.

Nationally, there were numerous events that marking this day. President Bush officially declared September 11, "Patriot Day". He also called the nation to a moment of silence at 8:46 a.m. Eastern Standard Time, (which is 7:46 am Central Standard Time). He then traveled to each of the crash sites and gave an address.

Flags were flown yesterday at half-mast not only nationwide, but across the globe on American military bases.

Locally, there were also a large number of activ-

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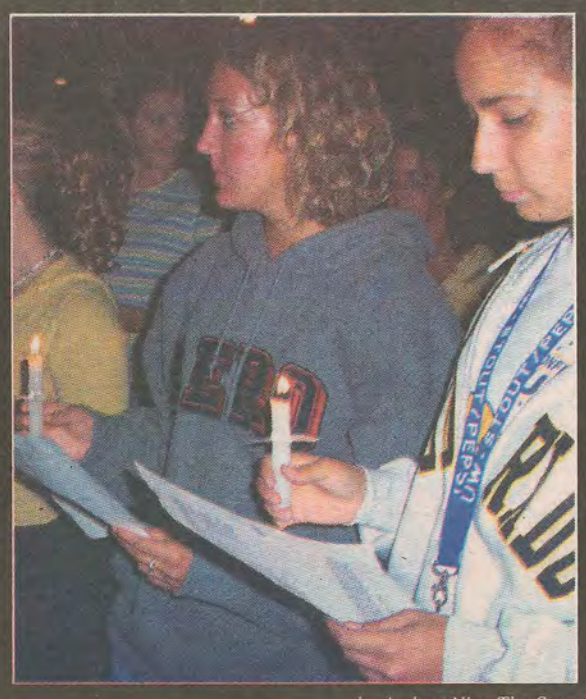
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A local clergy member lead an Interfaith service located by the public library.



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Pinckney Hall sang the national anthem for the flag pole gathering.



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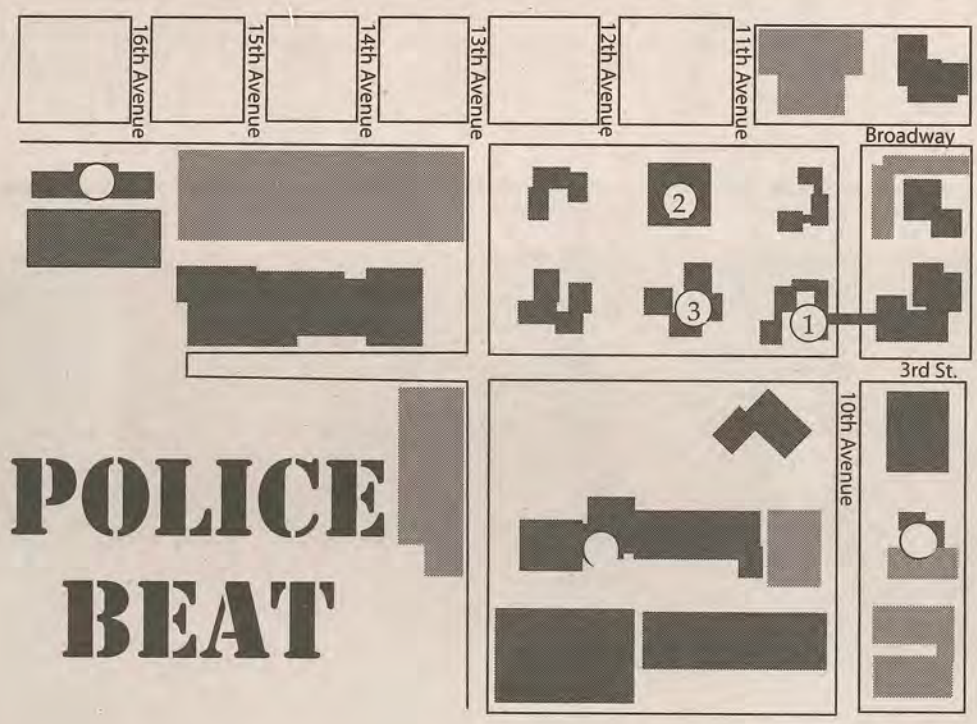
University of Wisconsin-Stout students attending the candlelight vigil.

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Weekend Weather

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POLICE BEAT

Compiled and Written by gretta Hittner
The Stoutonia

July 2002

On July 10 an unknown subject waved down a police officer, informing him that someone had fallen off a bike in the vicinity. The victim was doing a trick on his bike and lost the front tire on the bike. He fell onto the concrete sidewalk and broke his right collarbone. A friend was called to take him to the hospital when he refused to be transported by the Menomonie Fire Department.

August 2002

1. A faculty member reported on Aug. 29, that her laptop had been stolen from her office in the Education and Human Services building. The laptop had a value of $3,476. The faculty member was out of the office between August 2 and 26 and said that the theft occurred during this time. She also said that she always locked her office door when she was out, but that each employee on the same floor has a master key to all of the offices.

2. An officer spotted a white male in his late teens with what appeared to be a glass of beer on Aug. 31. The male was asked to stop and speak with the officer. The male ran from the officer toward campus. The officer followed in his cruiser and cornered the suspect in the CKTO volleyball court. The suspect again ran from the officer causing the officer to fall while grabbing at the suspect's shirt. The officer lost sight of the suspect after chancing him in his cruiser toward Price Commons.

September 2002

3. A faculty member reported to police on Sept. 5 that a desktop computer was removed from room 318 Fryklund Hall. The faculty member said that the room is left unlocked during the day and is only locked when the building is closed at night. The computer had just been moved to this room and hand not yet been secured by any type of cable and lock. Campus police e-mailed another faculty member to get the serial number of the computer and found that the computer in fact was not missing. It was in the possession of Telecommunications and Networking personnel the entire time.

A student reported his vehicle stolen on Sept. 5. The 1987 Buick Lessable was parked in lot 4 around 3:30 p.m. It was discovered missing at 6:00 p.m. The vehicle was left unlocked since the locking system in the car did not work. The keys were not left in the car. Approximately 4 hours after the car was reported stolen, the vehicle was found in lot 4. It appeared to be secured and undamaged.

Recent almuni death

Nick Coenen
The Stoutonia

James Block's passion for running carried him through his four years at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. He ran cross-country and track until he graduated last December. On Saturday, Sept. 7, 2002, James ran his last race.

Block was running the 7th Annual Dick Beardsley Marathon in Detriot Lakes, Minnesota when he collapsed.

Block was transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Detriot Lakes, where he was later pronounced dead. Later tests found the cause of death to be exhaustion and heat stroke combined with dehydration that lead him to suffer severe cardiac trauma.

Block was running the 13.1-mile half marathon with his father and friend when he collapsed.

As a student, Block was described by his friend and roommate Daniel Kelter as someone who "always had a smile on his face."

"Everywhere he went, in everything he pursued, circles would creep up around him of people who were drawn to him," said Kelter, "and still others that wanted to know him,"said Kelter.

"What made James unique?" said Kelter, "What makes people ordinary? James didn't have that. He was extraordinary."

"James touched many people's lives," Kelter said, "I have realized this more in the past two days while trying to maintain an ever growing phone tree of people to contact, the people who's lives James touched."

Block was a graduate of the Industrial Design program and had taken a job at Sugar Sand, Inc. in Fargo, North Dakota where he was a member of the design department.

"James was a year ahead of me in school, and since we were in the same major he gave me advice when I needed it, and gave me confidence when I felt down about my design work," said Heidi Bedsted, a friend and classmate of Block's.

Bedsted ran cross country and track for the womens' teams and said that was also a way for her to relate to Block's strong work ethic.

"When I am running my races this year and I get to the difficult points in the race, I will just think of Jamie," said Bedsted, "and remember that he never gave up."

Teammate Jason Krich, a senior in the construction program at UW-Stout ran with Block on the cross-country and track teams.

"He was a happy guy," said Krich. "He always seemed to have a smile on his face."

On Monday night, Block's parents and fiancé came to Menomonie to meet some of Block's friends.

Memorial services for Block are being held on Saturday, Sept. 14 at Immanuel Presbyterian Church in Milwaukee, Wis. Visitation will begin at 1:30 p.m. and the service will follow at 3:00 p.m.

Campus increases selling and drinking fines

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

Just in time for a new semester of student gatherings, the Menomonie City Council raised fines for two house party-related alcohol offenses last Tuesday.

With the goal of preventing illegal house parties, the council, with input from the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus, increased the fines for furnishing alcohol to underage drinkers from $225 to $411 for first offense; from $411 to $721 for second offense; and from $721 to $1,341 for the third offense.

Fines for selling alcohol without a license were similarly raised by $300 at each level, putting the new fines at $721, $1,031, and $1,341 respectively.

"Fines were simply raised to serve as a deterrent for both those selling alcohol and those trying to buy alcohol," said Menomonie Police Assistant Chief Chris Langlois.

Officials believe that the fine increase will change the view of the penalties as a cost of doing business.

"They [hosts of house parties] can afford a few fines a year," said Quinn Campbell, a freshman in manufacturing engineering.

Allen Ebel, coordinator of the UW-Stout Alcohol Education Program, said the perceived risk of being caught is the deterrent, not the fine.

"In order for the fines to have an effect, people have to believe there's a good chance their party will be busted," Ebel said.

Without an increase in the enforcement of the current laws, the increased fines will have little effect on the amount and frequency of large, profitable house parties in Menomonie.

"We dont plan any lesss, said Menomonie Police Lieutenant Mike Kass when asked if any more enforcement is planned.

He added that if underage drinking at house parties continues to be large problem, additional measures would be taken, aimed at curbing the illegal act.

For more information visit, uwstout.edu/police

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Students assisted Ladysmith





Photos by Steve Vogt, The Stoutonia



"That used to be a bed and breakfast. I wonder if they will rebuild it?" asked David Bauer, lifelong resident of Ladysmith.

The ramifications of the Ladysmith tornado can be seen around the town. Numerous cars and buildings are still being attended to by citizens and volunteers.

Nick Coenen
The Stoutonia

Ladysmith may be down, but it is far from lost.

As I heard the news that the small town of Ladysmith, Wis., was hit by a tornado, I was not overly concerned.

After all, I've lived in Wisconsin all 21 years of my life, and tornados are a yearly occurrence that I have learned to accept. However, when a tornado is strong enough to put a small town in the national spotlight, it goes without saying that it must be pretty bad.

With winds that have been described as "hurricane-like, blinding and deadly," it was really a miracle there was no loss of life in the 2,500 person town of Ladysmith. There was a rather large amount of damage to the local residents and business though, with estimates now reaching $20 million.

I didn't really know what to expect when the group of 20 volunteers from UW-Stout that I was with rolled in. We drove past buildings that were reduced to rubble and saw damage that truly was unbelievable to think was caused by nature.

It was hard to gain perspective through the carnage, especially since I didn't have a memory of what Ladysmith was like prior to this disaster. As my car full of eager volunteers entered the city limits though, my friend, David Bauer, a life-long resident of Ladysmith and UW-Stout student, informed me on just what was different.

"That used to be a bed and breakfast," David would eagerly tell me. "I wonder if they will rebuild it?" he asked with concern.

One building after another, David would tell me what it used to be and his hopes for what it would be in the future. While I'm sure he was an emotional wreck when the news of this first came to him, he did not lose his composure wehn he saw it for the first time. Instead, he viewed the task in front of his hometown with optimism and hope.

David and the rest of our group of volunteers then went to work. We were outfitted with hard hats, safety glasses, ear plugs and gloves in anticipation of a hard day of work.

The volunteer coordinators referred to us as the "Stout crew," and I have to admit it brought a great amount of pride to hear the appreciation they had for all of us who went, and in turn ,our university.

The area we were taken to was pretty disturbing. We walked down a downtown street with power lines scattered on the pavement like children's toys and windows that were more than likely broken or missing.

When we finally arrived at our site, I didn't realize just how much work it would be. I looked down at the shore line of the Flambeau River and it dawned on me that just a week ago I wouldn't have been able to see the river. I was looking at where a forest once stood. Now all that was left was a hill covered in mangled branches and tree trunks.

As we cleared this area for the next eight hours, I didn't think we were really getting anywhere. Branch after branch, tree after tree, the maze was slowly lifting.

When the long work day was over, I felt that we had made an impact, but it wasn't until one of the local homeowners told his story that I really knew that the day was worth it.

This man had sat in his living room behind his front door as the tornado destroyed his house around him. He sat hoping and praying for safety as his wife and child waited below in the basement. He watched as his possessions were thrown into the walls and all the memories of his life were hurled across the room.

"I could tell that I was literally in God's hand as it passed over," he said. "I didn't deserve to live through that, but I did. My family and I are safe, and that is all that matters. I can't thank all of the volunteers enough. This used to be my yard and my shore. Now I know it's not. It's our shore and our yard."

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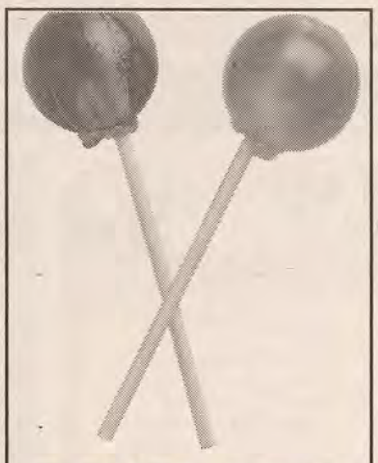
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ities. Church bells tolled at the times of each of the four crashes: 7:45 a.m., 8:03 a.m., 8:45 a.m. and 9:10 a.m.

Also, many churches were open for prayer and meditation all day. At 7:00 p.m., local clergy lead memorial services at Wilson Park, Fowler Park and the Menomonie Public Library.

The Stout campus also hosted numerous memorial events. From 9:00 a.mthrough 4:00 p.m., everyone was welcome to share their personal experiences in written form.

Also at that time, there was an artistic display in the lower level Memorial Student Center. At noon, people were invited to gather around the flagpole outside the Administration Building to participate in the raising of the flag and to sing our National Anthem.

At 4:30 p.m. everyone was welcome to join a group discussion in Huffs about finding personal peace and dealing with tragedy. This event was hosted by the UW-Stout Counseling Center and the Involvement and Leadership Center. Later, at 5:30 p.m., a panel discussion was held in the Grandview Terrace.

After the services hosted by the community at 7:00 p.m., the Stout Hand Drumming Club performed in the South Mall Gathering. Following their performance, at 8:00 p.m. there were presentations and time for quiet reflection. Closing out this memorializing day, at 9:00 p.m. was the acappella singing of Amazing Grace by the participants followed by the piping of that song by Scot Catto.

David Hay, the Financial Affairs Director of the Stout Student Association, helped to organize the events on campus.

"As we prepared for this event, we hoped people would come," said Hay. "We never thought it would be like this though."

Close to 800 students and Menomonie residents filled the lawn between the Memorial Student Center and the Applied Arts Building as a candle light vigil was held. Those at the vigil were then given the opportunity to place the candles around the new Everlasting Memorial to commemorate the day.

The Everlasting Memorial was a recent addition to the campus this summer and consists of new landscaping and several boulders. One of these boulders was recently engraved with the date, "September 11, 2001" to help remind the classes of the future at UW-Stout about that tragic day in history.

"Today is changes and today is the future," said Hay, "Today is the day that changed everything. It's the day that calls us to make the future better and to be aware of the world."

September 11, 2002 will be filled with opportunities for all citizens to demonstrate their patriotism and deal with their grief. As we mourn those who were wounded and killed in the attacks a year ago, let us not forget those who are defending us today; the countless men and women who sacrifice their family time in order to serve our country with pride and commitment overseas. Please join the United States of America in reflection today on behalf of those courageous people who lost their lives last September and the families who are now without them. "On behalf of a grateful nation..." we present to you, this memorable day.

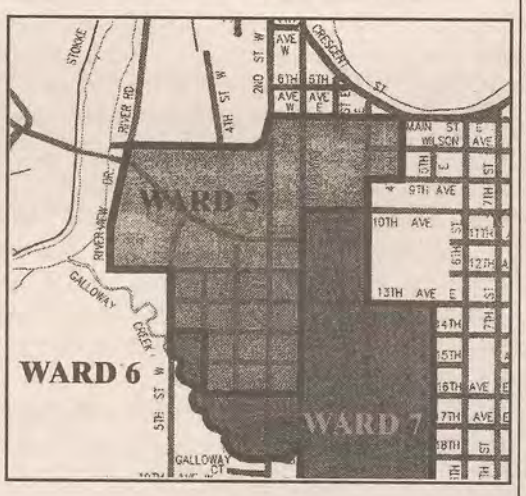


Students gathered for the Candlelight Vigil that was held in the South Hall lawn late in the evening of Sept. 11. Each student had a candle and reflected with others in remembering victims of tragedy.

photo by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

5th Ward Residents

If you are a resident of the **5th ward in the City of Menomonie** and would like to be considered as an applicant for the **vacant 5th Ward Council position**, for a term expiring in April of 2003, please submit a resume to the Mayor's office at 800 Wilson Avenue no later than **September 30, 2002** @ 5:00 p.m.



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They keep selling it, we don't want it

As we progress through the school year, one thing may have become apparent to you, the student: there are a lot of people who see you as nothing more than a potential sale.

College students seem to be constantly under attack by commercialism from every angle. It doesn't help that our own university is aiding these marketing jackals.

Going through every day with one marketing distraction after another can be quite annoying. It's a good thing you can go home at the end of the day, relax, open the refrigerator and just kick back....oh look, a free Pepsi Blue.

I would also like to remind everyone that the people who are pitching these ideas to you could not be more out of touch. (Hey look, more Pepsi Blue.)

Telemarketers, service representatives, credit card pushers- they are all annoying, and none of them have any idea about what type of person you are. Yet that doesn't stop them from trying to sell you something they are sure you need.

Then there are the displays in places such as Target and Wal-Mart. "Today's College Dorm," or something just as cheesy greets you as you go to look for cheap shelving.

What you all must remember is that you are being targeted by people who think they know what it's like in college today, yet have not been to college for about 10 years.



I'm not asking for a boycott of big business and marketing. I just want you all to be a little cynical when you are bombarded by these campaigns.

The university does not allow soliciting in the dorms. What they really mean is that "no one else" can solicit on this prime territory. They expect you to sit back, drink your Pepsi Blue and like it.

Never just "make time" to remember



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

It's been 365 days since one of the most traumatic days of my life, a day that I will never have to make an effort to remember.

As the tension mounted and the world prepared for the great day of remembrance that now is Sept. 11, I couldn't help but think that I can do better.

I only watched a minimal amount of coverage by the major networks on Sept. 11. I could have watched if I wanted to be lulled into the depression that those events brought me to the first time I watched them, but I would much rather look at today with a brighter vision of what comes tomorrow.

In fact, many things about today were a let down. Instead of taking time to think about the literal thousands of Americans that died a year ago today, I found myself scrambling to get to class and keep pace with my life. I really wanted to make some time to remember the significance of today, but I just seemed way too busy.

This continued as the day wound down and I ended up here, at *The Stoutonia* office to work on this issue. I continued to push myself to the limit, not thinking of the families that were left with out parents just a year ago.

It was not until I went to the candle light vigil that it finally hit me; I am so self-absorbed right now it's extremely sickening.

All over the globe people were saying a prayer for those lost and the families and friends left behind and all I could think of was how in the world I was going to get my Engineering Economy homework done between classes. Some American I am.

Or am I? Is this not the true spirit of America in so many people's eyes? The self-absorbed tendencies and materialistic priorities that control so many have branded us as insensitive at best. Today I was living proof.

As I stood and watched the mass of people with lit candles in hand, I teared up thinking about the truth of that moment. The truth that

*please see **9.11**, page 6*

Talk is cheap, actions speak louder than words, ect., ect., ect.



TESTPATTERN
Matt Tracy, Esq.

I always say that I would jump at the chance to help my fellow man whenever hardship raised its ugly head. I would do whatever, whenever, wherever to make life easier for the distraught.

Until last Saturday, I was simply talking out of my ass.

There has been plenty of times that I "could have" done something, but I didn't. Last year, there were horrible tornadoes in Spooner, Wisconsin and there was the obvious cause on 9/11, not to mention the thousands of people who could use a helping hand any day.

Until last Saturday, I hadn't put my money where my mouth was.

Then, last Saturday, I went to Ladysmith. Not only did I redeem myself from hypocrite land, but I also did something to help people in need. Now, I want more.

Sadly, the fact is that I probably won't do something like that again for a long time.

I, like many people in my position, will probably tell myself that what I did was good enough. I will rationalize away future guilt by reminding myself of "that one time in Ladysmith."

What we all need to understand is that compassion and caring are not sea-

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Letters to the Editor

Don't call me girl.

One of the best things about working in the world of student life is the opportunity to have a "teachable moment" with a student. One of these moments happens to be when people frequently use the term "girl" when referring to the female students at this college campus.

As we enter into a new school year I again hear the term "girl(s)" used all too often. The use of "girl(s)" is especially prevalent in our Greek student organizations. I have to ask myself why women on this campus would sell themselves short by calling themselves and each other girls? I have to think the full picture has never been explained to a lot of people that use this term.

"Girl" is defined in *Webster's Dictionary* (1991) as 1. a female child, 2. a young immature woman, 3. a daughter, 4. *sometimes offensive* a grown woman, 5. girlfriend, sweetheart, 6. *often offensive* a. a female servant, b. a female employee.

I rarely hear people describe our students as "boys". While all too often I hear both males and females describe our college females as "girls". *This non-parallel terminology implies that women are viewed as similar to children and thus less serious or capable than men.*

Although there is some debate as to when you start calling a girl a woman, it is commonly agreed upon that a female who has entered the college setting is indeed entitled the respect of being referred to as a woman. For example, collegiate athletics for females are referred to as women's athletics.

Language is a very powerful weapon. By not being aware of what we are saying, we are telling young females that they cannot become firefighters and young males that they cannot become nurses, simply by adding the preface male whenever we refer to a "male nurse".

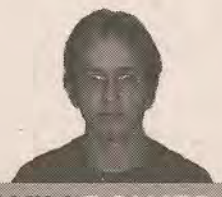
As members of the campus community we all have a responsibility to help empower women and men on our campus. We can do this by taking small steps to become more aware that **the words we choose do affect others and in some ways ourselves.**

By Darrin Witucki

Dear Mr. Witucki,

You raise some excellent points in your letter. What Mr. Witucki is talking about is simple respect. I think the larger issue here is the immature climate that is today's college atmosphere. We seem to accept phrases like "girl" and "kid" because some of us seem to have a problem growing up.

Laptops-Yes or No



WILLPOWER
William Christenson

Well, I know this is going to be somewhere around the billionth article on the whole "laptop campus" situation, but I feel that I should still put my two-cents in.

I think, even as a sophomore, that the "laptop campus initiative" is a very important issue. It required a great deal of deliberation and discussion, and I feel that the administration and students did not put enough into it. Very few students attended the planning conferences held. This is not surprising, since none of the students last year were going to be getting laptops; they felt that the issue did not affect them.

As students, where our money goes and how our classes are taught is something that we should keep a constant watch over - if we want to get the most out of our education. With that said, I feel it is necessary for me to at least voice my opinion, and try to affect some sort of change.

The last time I took an English course, about the only course materials we had were books and notepads. If you compare the size, weight and price of a book and notepad to a laptop, I think you'll see that we are not exactly advancing by using a laptop. This holds true for many other courses as well, not to mention that not all the classrooms are equipped with enough power outlets to accommodate an entire class on laptops.

Our out-of-class life is being affected too. When I first got to campus (I moved-in early), everything on the network seemed to be running smoothly, but the day that the laptops were issued, the internet was running slower than my home dial-up connection. This personally affects me, because it makes transferring large files, such as multimedia projects, over the internet nearly impossible.

Along with this huge drain on the network, the laptops are creating a drain on electricity that I cannot even imagine! I am strong believer in environmentalism, and if our school chooses to waste that much electricity, they had better have good reason to.

Aside from all the logistical problems with the laptop campus, I think it belies an even deeper problem, not only at our school, but across our country. For some students, a laptop would be helpful and economical, but to give every new freshman one, simply so we can seem like we are riding the wave of the future, just doesn't make sense.

As a multimedia major, most people would expect me to embrace the laptop issue, however, I find that I am in a position where I can say, from experience, that technology will not solve all your problems! Technology will not always make things easier on you, most of the time it will create even more problems. I think we, as a society, need to take a look at our practices, and ask ourselves why we are so obsessed with technological advancement.

This one's for the Veterans



SOFTSPOKEN
Becky Hartung

On March 11, 2002, Rush Limbaugh, a prominent radio personal, released the following statistics.

The average family of someone who died because of the Sept. 11 attacks will receive $1.185 million. The minimum amount received will be $250,000, and the maximum will be $4.7 million. Now, those who lost relatives in the Oklahoma City and random US Embassy bombings want equal subsidization.

On the other hand, the family of a fallen service man will receive $6,000, half of which is taxable. An extra $1,750 is given to help cover burial costs. The spouses of WWII vets receive $833 per month, but only if they remain single. Children of these vets received $211 per month, but were given nothing after the age of 18.

Would you not agree that the differences are horribly unjust?

In all the hype surrounding the one-year remembrance of the Sept. 11 attacks, the students and community united to mourn, renew support and offer respects for our fallen citizens. I'm awestruck at the outpouring of never-ending compassion.

However, there's a deeper thought pestering my mind - what will the campus and community do on Nov. 11?

Did you just read that and wonder what in the world I'm talking about? I'm sure most of you did, for celebrating Veteran's Day is unfortunately becoming an extinct tradition.

When comparing the relevance of each, I can only conclude that society has placed its emphasis on the lesser important date. Here me out on this one folks.

If you had to honor one hero, would it be the person who saves a toddler drowning in a kiddie pool, or someone risking their own life to save a child who's been sucked away by a treacherous undertow? You'd choose the latter, because the individual volunteered to enter a life-threatening situation.

The firemen who died on Sept 11 did not think the buildings would collapse on top of them. It was stated that they should have known better after the first one fell. The many deaths on Sept. 11 are a tragic misfortune, but the fallen weren't knowingly sacrificing their lives; they were just doing their job.

On the other hand, the soldier who's surrounded by a barrage of flying bullets wouldn't hesitate to jump from safety to pull a downed man from the battlefield. Our vets have been through hell to ensure that our generation would have the same freedoms they did.

My generation fails to comprehend and appreciate the sacrifices our armed forces have made for us, but they do understand the horrors of Sept. 11.

It was wonderful to see so many people unite for a cause, but let us not forget the people who got us here in the first place.

On Nov. 11, let us again unite, and this time, give a special tribute to all our vets.

Give a hand

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sonal. Those feelings you have shouldn't subside once football starts.

On the other hand, you don't have to be that way. Trust me, there were enough wonderful people in Ladysmith to help, just in case I couldn't be bothered because the Badgers were playing that afternoon.

Just don't be like me and other people who say that they would do this and do that to help their fellow man, and then never do anything.

Let me encourage you all to volunteer at least once in your life. It's worth it to you and those you help.

9.11/ changes outlook

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in an instant, lives were lost and changed forever.

I slowly walked my candle over to the Everlasting Memorial and placed my burning candle into the wire with the rest of the candles. I watched the candles burn and the people walk up and fade away.

At that moment I sat down and said a prayer for those that lost their lives. Not because I felt guilty or obligated, but because I felt called to do it.

It was refreshing to do something as sincere as that with out the guilt and expectation of a date attached to it. And I suppose there is something that can be said for sincerity and trueness of heart on a day like today.

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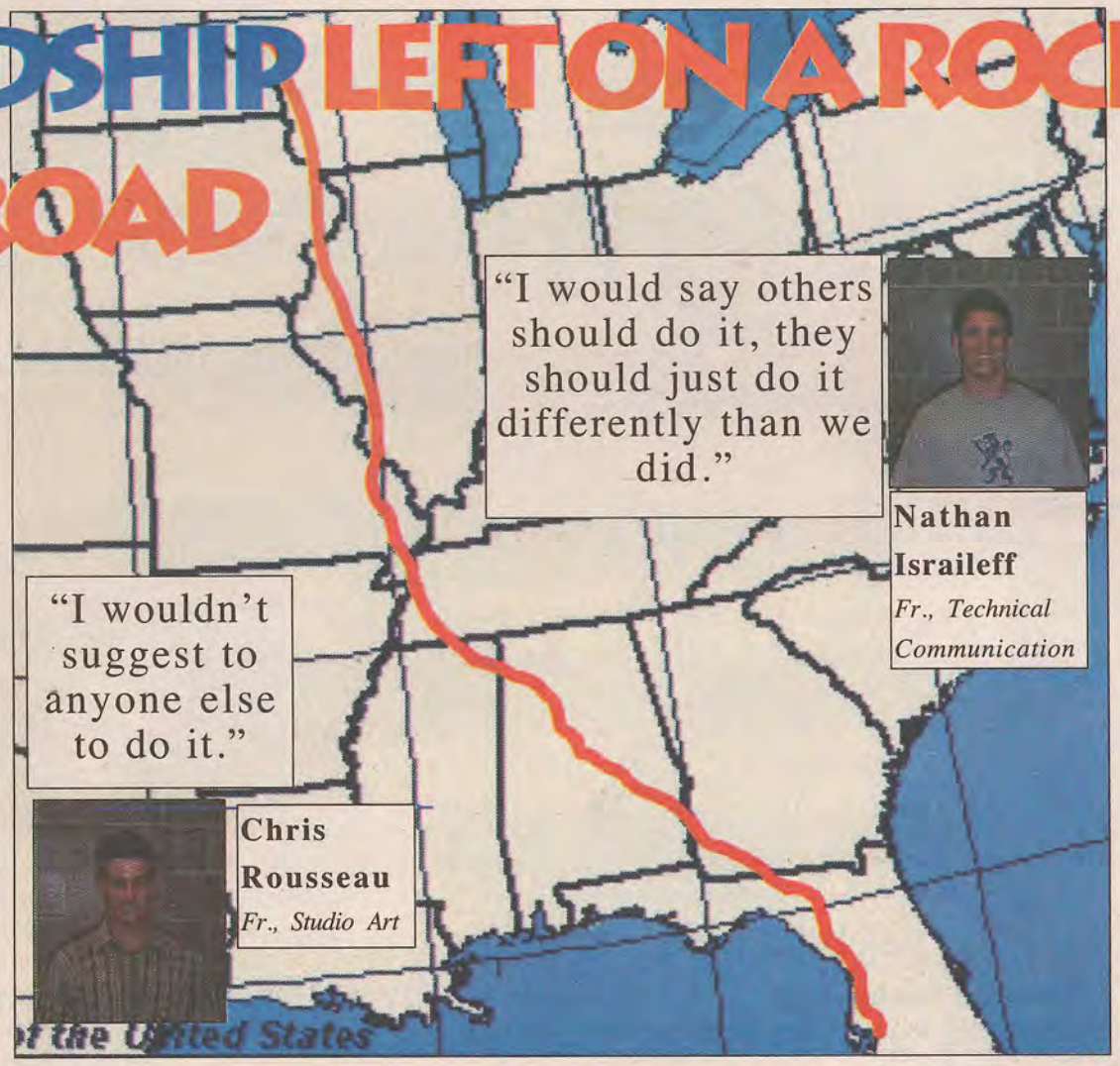
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FRIENDSHIP LEFT ON A ROCKY ROAD

A bike trip from Florida to Wisconsin ruins a friendship for two students.

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia



Submitted illustration, The Stoutonia

Israileff and Rousseau travelled 1,933 miles from Sarasota, FL on back roads and state highways to reach their final destination of UW-Stout.

At first glance, Chris Rousseau and Nathan Israileff look like two average freshmen guys. People are shocked to hear that these two 18-year-olds bicycled more than 1,933 miles from Sarasota, Florida to Menomonie to register for their classes at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Rousseau, who was born in Minnesota and later moved to Sarasota, and Israileff, who was born in California and moved to Sarasota, have been the best of friends since third grade. After deciding to attend Stout together, the two were looking for something exciting to do over the summer. Rousseau's original idea was a camping trip to see how long they could survive in the wilderness.

"That didn't sound big enough," Israeliff said. "I had to open my big mouth."

Israileff then suggested a bike ride.

"Two days later we bought bikes," he said. "We didn't even have bikes before that."

After six weeks of fairly extensive training, the two friends were ready for an experience of a life time. However, all did not go as planned. Rousseau's dad joined them from Memphis to St. Louis, where big problems started to arise between the boys.

It all began with Israileff having problems with his bike. Rousseau's father let Israileff take his bike and he took the problematic bike. Israileff, feeling frustrated, worn out and tired, began to become a bit hostile towards his riding companion.

Plans and schedules changed because of outside interaction, and the boys did not agree on the route they needed to take. Miles separated the boys when Israileff finally called Rousseau.

"I called him and said 'How do you like riding alone?'," Israileff said. "He said it was fine and I said 'Well you better get used to it.'"

Israileff continued on the originally planned trip, while Rousseau took a little bit of a different way.

Even though tempers had been flaring between the two, Rousseau felt it was necessary that they ride into town together.

"We started it together, I wanted to end it with him," Rousseau said.

Rousseau called Israileff from north of La Crosse and expressed his desire to finish with his best friend. The two agreed this was a great idea, but once again there was a problem: Rousseau was almost 100 miles ahead of Israileff.

"We almost came to pick him up in a friend's helicopter," Rousseau said.

Landing the helicopter would have been too difficult, so they felt finishing together was not going to be possible.

The next morning, Israileff decided to catch up with Rousseau. He rode his bike through the rain and cold weather and actually hitched-hiked with three different cars of people to reach his friend.

At 4 p.m. on June 21, the two arrived at the city limits of Menomonie. With a surprise police escort, they finished their journey together.

While Rousseau discourages others from attempting their feat, Israileff recommends it.

"If you do it," Rouseau jokingly adds, "don't do it through so many cornfields."

These two accomplished something that most 18-year-olds do not even dream about. Even though it hurt their friendship, this was an experience that they will never forget.; it was an experience, for the most part, they had together.

Can you go the distance: for love?

College may separate couples, but there are ways to keep the relationship strong.

Missy Powell
The Stoutonia

If maintaining a happy relationship is hard for couples on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus, imagine how those who have left someone behind must feel. Individuals separated by long distance relationships are left singing, "I Wish You Were Here."

"In my opinion I think it's an extra communication challenge to have a long-distance relationship," says Mary Jackelen-Sterner, a counselor at the University Counseling Center. "Relationships are mysterious things, you can never predict what is going to happen."

But Jackelen-Sterner also believes that one reason these relationships can succeed is because some people don't prefer constant interaction with a significant other. If a person likes the separation that a long-distance relationship provides, things can go smoothly.

"They are able to stay in touch in ways that are satisfactory to both of them," Jackelen-Sterner said.

Kori Pressley, a UW-Stout senior knows all too well about the advantages and disadvantages of long distance love. Pressley was dating her boyfriend for a year when he ended up moving to Nashville, Tenn. for five months. Pressley looked at some of the advantages of their long distance.

"Depending on how long distance it is, it can be fun when you get togethe. It's like a mini vacation!" Pressley said.

She added that being so far away can help build trust, and that when a couple sees each other, they are happier to be together.

Of course, despite the positives, there are some negatives to having a long distance relationship. Pressley spent a lot of time and money trying to keep the relationship going. She had many long distance phone bills and often made the long trip to spend some time with her boyfriend. Money was not the only hardship for Pressley and her boyfriend.

"Seeing all your friends who have their boyfriends here, you get jealous," Pressley said.

Pressley and Jackelen-Sterner's relationships survived the distance. Pressley's boyfriend moved back, and Jackelen-Sterner married her long distance love.

Pressley said that one of the ways to keep a long distance relationship intact was for those in the relationship to have not only patience, but also maturity.

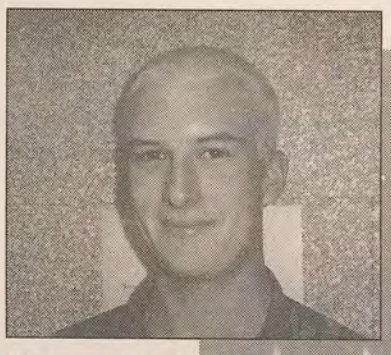
Jackelen-Sterner said one of the major ways to maintain a healthy long-distance relationship is to be kind to each other and to negotiate the style of communication. While some people prefer e-mail, others prefer the telephone. Negotiate which way you communicate so that both parties feel like they are getting what they need.

Jackelen-Sterner noted "It's not how much time you spend together, but the quality of the time you spend together."

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Campus Slant

What did you do on September 11?



"I wore my BDV's to class to honor soldiers overseas."
~Ben Boege,
Soph., Engineering Technology

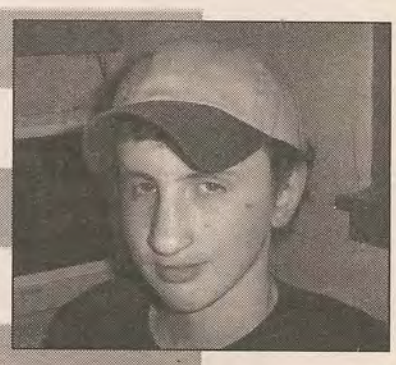


"We watched the news coverage on NBC ."
~Nicole Warner(l)
Soph., Psychology
~Melanie Burnam (r)
Soph., General Business Administration



"I wore a white ribbon in remberance of Sept 11."
~Nicole Stopera
Sr., Early Childhood

"I reflected on how our perception of the world changed."
~Scott Vonderberg
Soph.., Multimedia Design



Next Week:

If you could have any celebrity for a roommate, who would it be?

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"Art Students: Quit Complaining!."



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

Art is a passion of mine, and I am glad that I am finally getting into art classes. Art is a very time consuming and expensive hobby, but when it is something you love, neither time nor money is an issue.

I have started to get annoyed with some of my fellow art students. They constantly complain about the hard and time-consuming projects and the high cost of art supplies.

Most professors tell students on the first day of classes that they should spend 2-3 hours of work outside of class for each hour they are in class. For most art students, a studio class is six hours a week. This means that they have to spend 12- 18 hours a week on work outside of the class.

That is a lot of work, but if you take a studio art class, doing homework is essential to your progress in the class. If you do not do the remainder of the work on your own, you get to show your incomplete work while the rest of the class critiques on their finished projects.

Some projects may be challenging, especially if you are learning a new medium, but the point of any class is to teach students new things. To get a bachelor in Fine Arts, you need to have be able to work in a wide range of different mediums.

If you do not understand how to do a project, ask questions before leaving class, that way you save yourself the frustration when you work on it later. You are building up your portfolio, so it is important to do your best.

Supply lists are long, and if you have more than one class, the bill from Penco can be overwhelmingly high. With costs exceeding $200 for most students, questions arise whether or not it is all worth it.

I say, quit complaining! If art is something you love, fork over the money and make good use out of the materials you have. If it's a passion, it's not a problem.



Nation's media to stay on high alert

All media to remain at HYPECON 9

Steve Butabi
The Stoutonia

The national media has released a statement that it will remain on a heightened level of hype for weeks after September 11.

"We cannot afford to let our guard down in this time of crisis," said Wolf Blitzer. "Even though there is a lack of crisis, crisis could still be eminent any time now."

The media has been on high alert for a year now, but has increased its sensationalism in the weeks leading up to September 11.

"We have to reiterate everything we were saying a year ago," said Tom Brokaw. "We don't know when something could could happen, and I would rather be over prepared, then not at all."

Some have said that the elevated state of the nation's media is only creating paranoia and undue fear.

Defenders of the media's actions point out that had the media not been in such a prone state, topics such as the recent high-profile bankruptcies, and the rash of child kidnappings would have gone unnoticed.



"Now more than ever, 'Now more than ever,'" said Browkaw. "We have to remember to keep remembering these things."

This of course undermines the competence of the U.S. Government, and the intelligence of America.

Greeks get banned from volunteering

Sororities and Fraternities are not allowed to help freshmen move in.

Katie Brenner
The Stoutonia

Each year the freshmen are given a chance to move in early, to get organized and get a feel for the campus. In past years the fraternities and sororities voluntarily helped freshmen move in.

This also gives these organizations a chance to weed out the stereotypes, as they can inform new students what the Greeks are all about and what roles they play at University of Wisconsin-Stout.

This year, things were different for move-in day.

A letter was sent to the Greek Advisor stating that Greeks were not allowed to help freshmen this year, and those who were seen wearing Greek letters during move-in would be arrested. This rule did not include the service organizations.

"They told us they wouldn't let any Greek organization participate," says Jenn McCann, a junior in Early Childhood and member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority. "We couldn't get the initial exposure that helps spark interest to our organizations."

Housing and Residence Life claimed it has never approved Greeks to help with move-in in the past.

"Promotion of fraternities and sororities is a huge part of the organization," says senior Mike Bombaci, a Packaging major and member of Phi Sigma Phi. "And we have been prevented from doing this."

Some people believe that fraternities and sororities are all about partying and causing problems, however, this is not their main focus.

"It isn't about drinking, and it isn't about partying," says Scott Cornell, a senior in Multimedia Design and also a member of Phi Sigma Phi. "It's about brotherhood, hanging out and being together."

Greeks center on improving their GPAs, donating to services such as the Red Cross, holding fundraisers, supporting the community and helping out on campus.

The Greeks at Stout are a minority, and in the past, have not received the respect that they feel they deserve. Freshman move-in has always given them at least a little chance to clear up some of the misconceptions.

"I felt it was discriminatory," says Tony Schlemm, advisor to Kappa Lambda Beta and UW-Stout Registrar. "It's not fair to single out."

There really is no difference. All clubs like to hang out and have a good time.

"They're teammates, and were brothers," Cornell said. "I know just about as many Non-Greeks as I do Greeks, and they talk about the same stuff Monday morning as we do."

Whenever a Greek member screws up, the entire organization is looked down upon. Like any group, there are good and bad times.

"Good publicity is hard to come by," says Pete Pokorny, Phi Sigma Phi president and a senior in Construction Management. "Bad word of mouth will kill you."

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the charts

Top 10 Albums

1. Dixie Chicks - "Home"
2. Eminem - "The Eminem Show"
3. Avril Lavigne - "Let Go"
4. Nelly - "Nellyville"
5. Coldplay - "A Rush of Blood"
6. Eve - "Eve-olution"
7. Bruce Springsteen - "The Rising"
8. James Taylor - "October"
9. Clipse - "Lord Willin'"
10. Various Artists - "NOW That's What I Call Music"

Top 10 Movies

1. *Swimfan*
2. *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*
3. *City by the Sea*
4. *Signs*
5. *XXX*
6. *Spy Kids 2*
7. *Austin Powers in Goldmember*
8. *Fear Dot Com*
9. *Spider-Man & Men In Black II*
10. *Blue Crush*

Top 10 TV Shows

1. "American Idol"- Tuesday
2. "American Idol" - Wednesday
3. "CSI" - Thursday Special
4. "Everybody Loves Raymond"
5. "CSI" - Thursday Special
6. "CSI" - Monday
7. "NFL Sunday Night Football"
8. "Becker"
9. "Law & Order"
10. "60 Minutes"

Top 10 Books

1. "The Lovely Bones" - Alice Seibold
2. "The Red Rabbit"- Tom Clancy
3. "Morgawr: The Voyage of Jerle Shannara" - Alan Furst
4. "Dark Horse" - Tami Hoag
5. "Standing In the Rainbow" - Fannie Flagg
6. "The Nanny Diaries" - Emma McLaughlin
7. "The Beach House" - James Patterson and Peter de Jonge
8. "The Grave Maurice" - Martha Grimes
9. "A Love of My Own" - E. Lynn Harris
10. "Shadow Puppets" - Orson Scott Card

UPCOMING EVENTS

Crash: Dave Matthews Tribute Band
Sept. 18 - 8:00 p.m.
Great Hall

Sage Francis
Sept. 19 - 8:00 p.m.
Heritage Cafe

Open Mic Night
Sept. 26 - 8:00 p.m.
Heritage Cafe

Soprano Ann Hoyt
Sept. 28
Mabel Tainter Theater

Judy Shepard
Sept. 30 - 7:30 p.m.
Great Hall



TURNING 21 AT TIKI

Brianna Schrader
The Stoutonia

Many underclassmen, both new and returning, were shocked and disappointed when they arrived at the legendary Tiki Bar and were turned away before they could even hit the dance floor.

Jake's Tiki Bar, a popular outdoor Thursday night tradition for many a University of Wisconsin-Stout student, will now be limited to the 21-and-older crowd.

Tiki Bar is known for its fun and entertaining atmosphere. Students agree that it is a nice change from the average downtown bar. As long as the weather cooperates, it can make for a very enjoyable evening filled with music, food and plenty of dancing.

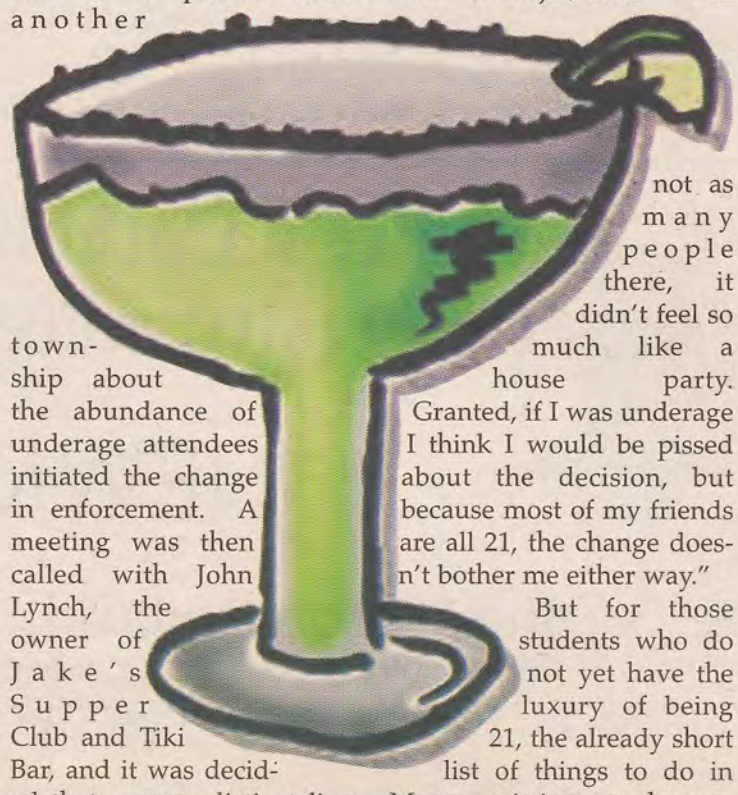
The unexpected regulation was strictly enforced for the first time in Tiki Bar's history at a key time for UW-Stout students, the week of freshman move-in. The timing couldn't have been worse; it was the inevitable official end of summer for students, and one last chance to party.

Most people were surprised that the establishment was allowed to mix a crowd of minors with the older, of-age crowd in the first place. In the past, it was common to see high school students making weekly appearances at Tiki Bar among the hundreds of college-age students.

"High school students should not be out at Tiki. There should be another option in Menomonie for them," said Kandice O'Brien, a senior Human Development and Family Studies major.

This environment proved to be a risky situation on all sides, and it was only a matter of time until something was done about the drinking issue. With this increased enforcement, perhaps parents of minors in the area can now breathe a sigh of relief.

According to Dunn County Chief Deputy John Kaanta, complaints from another township about the abundance of underage attendees initiated the change in enforcement. A meeting was then called with John Lynch, the owner of Jake's Supper Club and Tiki Bar, and it was decided that a more distinct line must exist between the restaurant and bar sections of the facility.



According to Deputy Kaanta, the 21 and older regulation has always been in place at the establishment, only now it is being enforced.

"It is merely a clarification of the law that is already in place," Kaanta said.

This is perhaps why Lynch did not feel the need to advertise the change.

Not everyone is negatively affected by this regulation; most upperclassmen are of legal drinking age and can continue to attend Tiki Bar.

"It [Tiki] was a lot better," Scott Ernster, a Senior Business major, said. "With not as many people there, it didn't feel so much like a house party. Granted, if I was underage I think I would be pissed about the decision, but because most of my friends are all 21, the change doesn't bother me either way."

But for those students who do not yet have the luxury of being 21, the already short list of things to do in Menomonie just got shorter.

Amanda Steinmetz, an underage Junior and avid Tiki-attender, feels that the change was a bad decision.

"I really do not like [the change]," said Steinmetz. "I had a lot of fun going there and seeing friends from Stout and friends from high school."

Steinmetz suspects that underage drinking played a part in the decision, but feels that "not everyone went there to drink." While this statement is true for some, the reality is that more students making up the Tiki Bar crowds were most likely not in that same innocent frame of mind.

Perhaps the worst part of the whole situation is the fact that the public wasn't warned that the change was about to occur. In fact, many students drove from cities such as Eau Claire that night and were told upon arrival that they must be 21 to join the fun.

"If I would have found out ahead of time, I would have felt better about it. After all, it changed the last week of summer," said Steinmetz.

The new enforcement will cause other repercussions. Once inside Tiki Bar, students can expect to be checked multiple times for the stamp on their hand, indicating they are old enough to be there. Deputy Kaanta also warns that there are undercover officers at Tiki Bar on a regular basis to make sure everything is running as it is supposed to.

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CRASH: a dave matthew's tribute

Amanda Dobbratz
The Stoutonia

"We just saved the student body about $99,000!" said Darrin Witucki, Blue Devil Production (BDP) Advisor.

It was a time of spend - thrifty exaltation.

How exactly did BDP save $99,000? By bringing you the finest in Dave Matthews' Band (DMB) tribute bands, Crash.

"After two years of asking Stout students what they want and hearing the Dave Matthews Band and responding that it's not realistic... here, that's what you're going to get," said Witucki.

Crash has dedicated themselves to becoming the most accurate performers of DMB music possible. Crash focuses on recreating the early pre-stadium days of DMB, which brings an intimate feel to their shows.

Their supporters include Jane Matthews, Dave's sister, and Peter Griesar, former DMB keyboardist.

"I am pumped 'cause I'm a huge fan of Dave and anything like it," said Carly Hach, a senior Counseling major, said. "I would love to be there!"

If you also are a huge fan of Dave, check out Crash's performance Wednesday, Sept.18 at 8 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Student Center.

Tickets are $2.50 for University of Wisconsin-Stout students and can be purchased at the Service Center Desk in the Memorial Student Center.

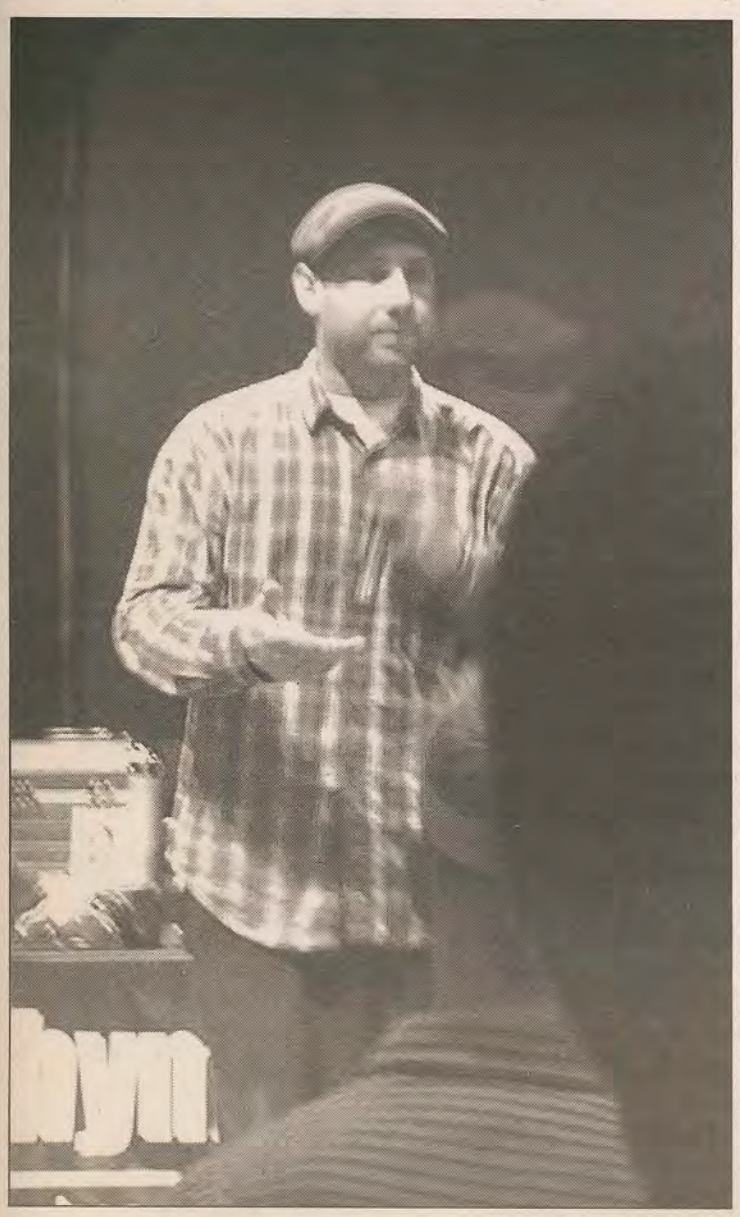
Any questions regarding this show can be answered by calling x2432 or looking at the BDP website, http://www.bdp.uwstout.edu. More information on Crash can be found on their website, http://www.about-crash.com.



Courtesy: Official Crash Website

The Dave Matthews Tribute Band, Crash, will perform early Dave Matthews songs for UW-Stout students on Sept. 18 in the Great Hall at 8:00 p.m.

A touch of Sage goes a long way



Courtesy: Blue Devil Productions

The returning word artist, Sage Francis, will deliver another round of his powerful words next week.

Amanda Dobbratz
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"It's not that I'm a narcissist, I just like to watch myself exist, and now I'm in a foggy mist, my reflection is anonymous, ponder this," said Sage Francis.

Sage Francis, an underground emcee and spoken word artist, is back for a second round at the University of Wisconsin – Stout, after opening last spring for Eyedea and Abilities of the Rhymesayers Collective.

"He is the most powerful spoken-word artist I've ever heard in my life," says Mary McManus, Assistant Director of Involvement and Leadership.

Not only are facutly interested in his emotional words, but students find his style energizing, too.

"It's exciting to see east coast hip-hop integrated into our little Menomonie," Belinda Lewis, a senior Art Education major, said.

Francis' performance here last year was one of mind-expanding enlightenment. Emotions ran high, and he silenced the room.

"I'm a make-shift patriot, the flag shop is outta stock," said Francis. "I hang myself at half-mast."

Francis will be performing a set of his poetry in the Heritage Café as part of Blue Devil Productions'(BDP) free, Thursday Blue Devil Lounge series. Francis is well known in the underground hip-hop world for his intellectual and often very personal works.

"[The Heritage Cafe will be] a more intimate venue, instead of Sage feeling like he has to rock a crowd," said Ken Hannigan, BDP's off-campus Marketing Director. "This (show) is more about the intellectual experience rather than a hands-in-the-air hip-hop show."

Through his intriguing style, Francis portrays a variety of emotions in his words.

"I listen to Sage's music for his extreme, at times satirical, tone but exceptionally deep emotion," says Hannigan.

Feel a chill as what he says strikes a familiar chord in the unconscious.

"He is beautiful; we love him," said Bitsy Hansen, Executive Producer of BDP.

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Art and design faculty on display

Twenty-two art and design faculty members are displaying their artwork

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

School starts with students on display. Not this year.

The faculty is on display at the University of Wisconsin-Stout this fall in the Furlong Gallery.

While many campus professors would gladly list all their degrees, awards and memberships in exchange for well-deserved credibility, the faculty of the applied and fine arts department is going one step further with an exhibit at the Furlong Gallery.

The show, "Illusions Illusions/Delusions and Other Modes of Reality," will include the works of twenty-two art and design faculty members.

"This exhibit includes a wide variety of artwork, including traditional paintings, photographs and ceramics," said Mary Sorrell, curator and director of the UW-Stout Furlong Gallery.

"It is my hope that [this exhibit] allows the community, especially students, the opportunity to see the research that our faculty are involved in," said Gabrielle Mayer, assistant professor. "I am looking forward to the opportunity to see what my colleagues are working on."

Assistant professor Woody Haid has selected to show a work entitled "Primarily Interrupted," which utilizes mixed media ranging from feathers to digital audio recordings. The installation is viewer-activated.

"Don't be shocked to see parts of the painting move or make noise," said Sorrell.



by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

Art and Design faculty members are displaying their artwork in the Furlong Gallery for all to see during the first months of the new school year.

Haid's art allows the viewer to be effected by the motions and media features.

"I think all the senses need to be stimulated in order to affect the viewer," said Haid. "The human spirit must be in play and engaged."

Other works include children's book illustrations by Pattima Singhalaka, 3-D wall pieces made from hand dyed yarn by Laura Mongiovi and unusual furniture and accessories from Tim Alberg using colored steel.

"Illusions Illusions/Delusions and Other Modes of Reality" will open with a reception for visitors and faculty from 5:00-6:30 p.m. on Sept. 17. The exhibition will continue through Oct. 25.

For more information on this or other upcoming Furlong Gallery events, visit them on the first floor of the Applied Arts building or call the gallery at 232-2261.

It's somewhat spectacular "Serving Sara"



MOVIEREVIEW
Kim Hauschildt

Hello and welcome back. My name is Kim Hauschildt and it's been a half hour since my last movie. Okay, I am not that bad, but I do love movies a lot. I have never met a single person who doesn't.

If you're having one of those nights where you don't know what to do, a movie can always fill that empty void. I will be your faithful movie critic/reviewer for the 2002-2003 school year.

This week I saw the new flick "Serving Sara." Elizabeth Hurley and Matthew Perry are the main stars, giving both sexes some nice eye candy to watch; what a nice combo.

Sarah (played by Hurley) is a wealthy, happily married woman living partially in New York and in Texas. Her husband, a wealthy ranch owner, is having an affair. Joe (Perry) is a process server, a person who serves subpeonas to unsuspected victims. Joe meets Sarah while giving her surprise divorce papers.

Sarah makes a deal with Joe: if he acts as if he never delivered the papers, she will give him 10 percent of the fortune she would get if she wants to serve the papers first to her husband. Being that she would get 50 percent of a $20 million fortune, Joe would get $1 million for his work and get to quit his crap job.

They travel all over the state of Texas, encountering many obstacles, including a large cowboy hit man, a trashy hotel desk clerk and an interlude with an impotent bull.

Full of sarcastic lines and hilarious sequences, Serving Sara has a lot to offer. With a touch of romance, both men and women will enjoy it. This movie has a little something for both sexes.

Whether it makes for a great date movie or one to see with the good amigos, Serving Sara is fun to see with anyone. The plot is easy to follow, so those of you out there who need something simple, this would be a perfect movie.

See it before classes takes up too much of your time. My final words: It's funny but not spectacular.



Serving Sara
starring Matthew Perry and Elizabeth Hurley
Kim says: *"It's funny but not spectacular."*
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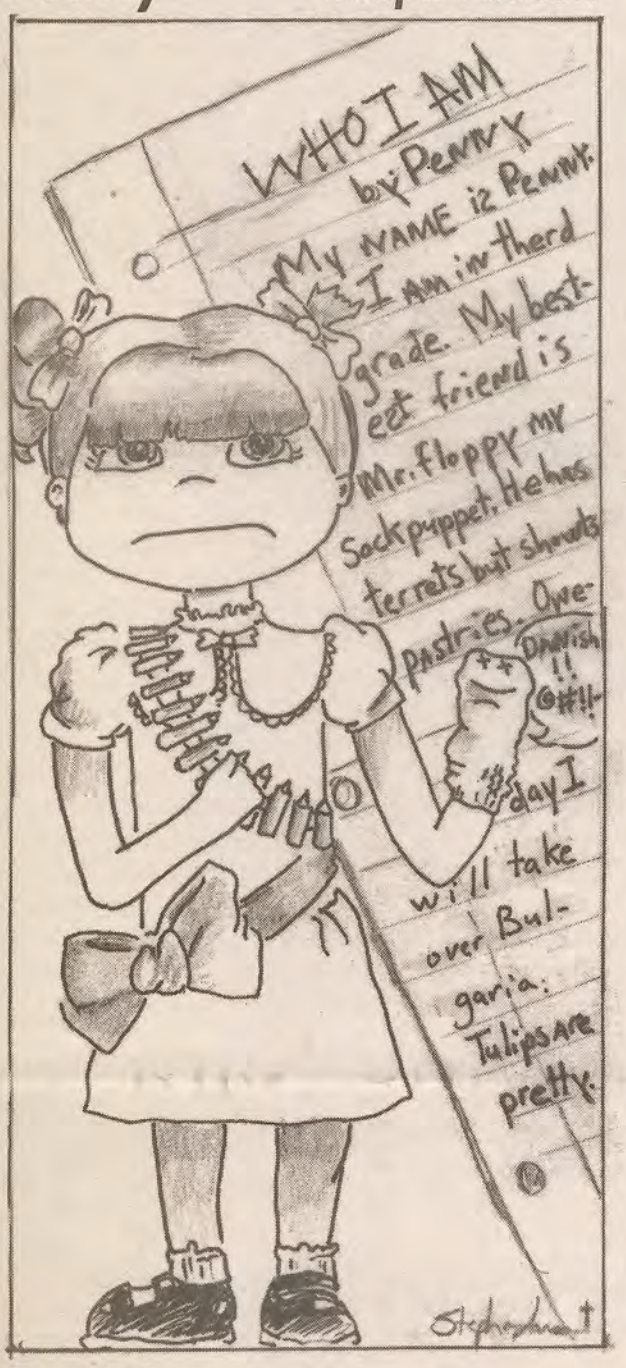
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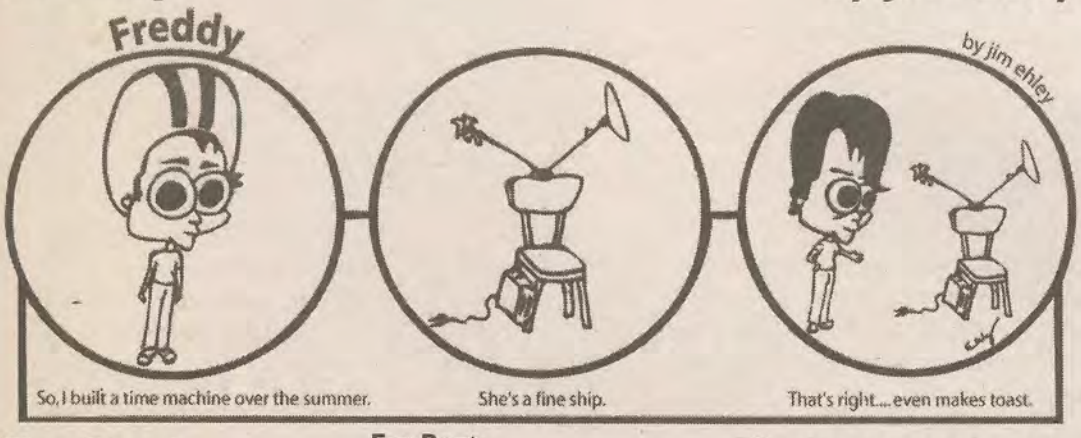
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Women's Rugby Club grows

Jessica Krejci
The Stoutonia



Courtesy, The Women's Rugby Club

This is not a two team huddle. In a rugby game the scrum has members from both teams face-off against one another for posession of the ball.

It's odd how now that summer is over, the temperature just keeps climbing the thermometer.

For most college students, the first weekend in September was about seeing old friends and meeting new ones. The weather was scorching. It was a wonderful time for grilling out and relaxing with a cold beverage. But there was one group of people who needed to forget about the weather in order to play a game.

This game is relentless. Running, passing, tackling and scoring are just part of what it takes to play the game known as rugby.

Women's rugby is just one of 17 club sports that University Recreation has to offer. The women's rugby team consists of 26 players.

"This is the most membership we, as a club, have ever had," president Rachel Thieke said.

These dedicated women bared the 94-degree weather to outlast rival University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. Thieke mentioned that it was so hot, the ball was slippery and hard to hang onto, but somehow the women found a way to bear down and get the job done.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout jumped to the lead when a series of quick passes put Abby Varpress in the try zone for five points. Also scoring for UW-Stout was Holly Knobble, a rookie kicker who showed a good foot as she made one of her attempts. During the last minute of regulation, UW-Stevens Point came back to tie the game. As if the women had not suffered enough of the heat, now they had to go into overtime.

But it was UW-Stout that triumphed in extra play. They scored once more, and won 17-12.

Coach Dan Hickey liked what he saw! With only two practices under their belt, he thought the team played decently for their first game.

As with any team, there are always improvements to be made, but they are off to a strong start. With 16 returning players, there is plenty of knowledge to share with the rookies.

"Our group of rookies is strong. They have talent and potential," Thieke said.

She also mentioned that the whole team carries the two strongest assets a rugby player can have, strength and speed. Also, the scrum, a core group of eight players that has to work together in order to win the ball, is tough this year.

The basic idea of the scrum is like a face-off in hockey, only instead of two players, 16 people are bound together, pushing against one another for the ball.

Another group that is very quick this year is the backs. Rookie Sharron Klinger, a UW-Stout track runner, has some quick moves that are bound to dazzle the competition.

Competing in the Midwest Division, the women are looking to be at the top of the pack this year. Next weekend is your first chance to see the team in action as they will be hosting the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater team.

The pitch (field) is close to Jake's Supper Club. At 11:00 the women play, and the men play right after them at 1:00. They are also hosting UW-Whitewater. If you are looking to be on a team that works hard and has fun, the rugby club is for you.

Contact Rachel Thieke at 235-5261 with questions or for more information.

Sports help to revive American spirit



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka



Courtesy, Yahoo Sports

Twins pitchers Rick Reed and Eddie Guardado reflect back on the events of September 11th during pre-game events Wednesday at the Metrodome.

Some might say that sports are less important after Sept. 11, but I would have to disagree. In the days following last year's world changing events, all professional sports were canceled. No one could think about touchdowns or homeruns for some time.

Once the nation was ready to move on, professional sports allowed America to regain a sense of normality. Giving numerous, touching salutes to the brave souls of Sept. 11, professional sports provided an uplifting presence.

My first trip to a post-Sept. 11 baseball game was a very powerful experience. There were tributes, and we sang "God Bless America" during the seventh inning stretch. It was a moving experience, even though it was just another Twins game. I had been to many games before, and I knew many more would follow. But something about the timing makes that game stick out in my mind.

When the NFL resumed the season, I watched intently as the manly players broke down in tears. They were remembering heroes. They were honoring the American spirit.

At first I questioned how the athletes of baseball and football could go back to work at all. But after watching the pre-game events, I was reminded of why we have sports.

Whether I was watching a baseball player hustle or a football player rumble, I was happy. Teams were back on the field providing enjoyment and memories once again. While I watched those first few games, I felt a deep tie to the history of those sports and to sports in my life.

Thinking back to when I played baseball as a young boy, and later when I played football as an awkward teen, I knew just how much they had been a part of my life. Those childhood sports were as American as blue jeans and a white T-shirt, or potluck dinners on summer afternoons.

Sports were always there for me as a youth, and now they are here for me again.

Times may have changed, but the purpose of sports has not. So, in these last few warm days of September, enjoy a sport.

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Gophers lose a friend, player

Jessica Vergowe
The Stoutonia

During the early hours of Sunday, Sept. 1, Brandon Hall, a 19-year old University of Minnesota football player was slain in Minneapolis by a bullet to his heart.

Many who knew Hall called him gentle and a peacemaker. His mother raised him and his older brother with good values while living in a tough Detroit neighborhood.

Hall was captain of his high school football team and a mentor that took neighborhood children to ball games. Also, he tutored kids who had problems with their schoolwork and lent an ear to anyone who needed to talk about problems.

Ty Jones was Hall's neighbor and said that Hall not only wanted to become a professional football player, but that he wanted to become a social worker also.

Helping kids who might otherwise take the wrong path and drop out or use drugs was also important to Hall according to Jones.

During his first year at the University of Minnesota, Hall was terribly homesick and his success was rocky. By his second year, he had raised his GPA and was showing a lot of improvement. After playing in his first football game for the Golden Gophers on Saturday, Aug. 31st, Hall called home to Detroit where his family and friends had watched. He was ecstatic about the tackle he made while in the game, which the Gophers won. The next phone call his mother received informed her that her son had died.

The night of his death, Hall had been awakened by some of his teammates who asked him to accompany them to the Warehouse District after one of them had been assaulted and robbed by three men.

Jones also said that Hall was probably going to support or help a friend, and that he was just trying to get a friend out of harm's way when tragedy struck.

When the assailants were spotted, Hall and his teammates approached them. The assailants started a verbal argument, but it quickly broke up.

After the encounter the Gopher players returned to their cars, which they had unknowingly parked near the assailants' vehicle. One of the suspects rummaged through the vehicle and pulled out a 9-millimeter handgun. Hall had turned to walk towards the gunman, but was stopped by a bullet. It went through his left arm, entered his chest and punctured his heart.

In a press release on Monday, Sept. 2, Minneapolis police stated that charges were to be announced in connection with Hall's slaying. The three men suspected of murder are Lee Cain Jr., 30, Jermain O. Stansberry, 28 and Raymond Hardimon, 23. Officials also have charged Stansberry, who has a criminal record, with the murder of Hall.

"There is no evidence that the players came there looking for revenge or as an effort to retaliate," Cyndi Barrington, a police spokeswoman said during a Sept. 4 press release.

"They were there to see if their teammate was okay and to get him home."

Funeral services for Hall were held on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at Word of Faith International Christian Center. The building was filled with floral arrangements in maroon and gold, Minnesota's school colors. Family, friends, teammates and coaches were on hand to honor the young man who had driven himself to become a better person.

Minnesota coach Glen Mason said that kids did more than just respected him. They loved him.



Courtesy , University of Minnesota

Brandon Hall was a defensive lineman for the Minnesota Gophers and a devoted student.

Fantasy Football Corner



with Curt Trnka

Fantasy football fans are people who pretend to know more about football than the coaches actually working in the NFL. But since most of these people are employed in jobs where football is not important, they need guidence when in comes to managing a fantasy football team. And since football is important in my job, I took time to make a list of the players to watch, the players to peek at and the players to keep away from like the plauge.

Studs (Expect big numbers)

Quarterback
Kurt Warner vs. NY Giants - Trade for him now, because last week was the only game he does not throw a TD in.

Running back
Curtis Martin vs. New England - He wants the division title and knows he has to beat the Pats to get it.

Wide Receiver
Marty Booker vs. Atlanta - This guy is so good he makes Jim Miller look good. Anyone who can do that is money in my book.

Sleepers (Could do well)

Quarterback
Vinny Testaverde vs. New England - Testaverde has great wideouts and will need to throw deep often.

Running back
Travis Henry vs. Minnesota - The last time the Vikings stopped the run two weeks in a row, the other George Bush was President.

Wide Receiver
Chris Chambers vs. Indianapolis - This kid has incredable moves. He will attack this new defense.

Sound Sleepers (Just bad)

Quarterback
Jake Plummer vs. Seattle - Plummer has just enough skills to walk out on the field, let alone throw TD's.

Running back
Tiki Barber vs. St. Louis - This Tiki Bar is incredably lame. Bench him now. Thank me later.

Wide receiver
James Thrash vs. Washington - McNabb has trouble throwing against good defenses, so be sure to bench all his receivers.

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Twins snap Oakland's streak

Joe Pollock
The Stoutonia

It was just another day at the ballpark, where the Oakland Athletics were concerned. They had butted heads with the Minnesota Twins, and had their 20-game winning streak brought to a halt.

However, the streak did not end before they set a new American League record. They passed the 1947 New York Yankees and the 1906 Chicago White Sox, who both had 19 wins in a row, both of which went on to win the World Series.

Oakland's streak also lands them in third place for the all time Major League record behind the 1916 New York Giants streak of 26 and the 1935 Chicago Cubs with 21. Ironically, neither of those teams won the World Series. In fact, the Giants failed to even make the playoffs that season.

During much of this season, Oakland has played well but not great. But recently the A's have been unstoppable. It all began on Aug. 3 with a win against Toronto, and finally came to an end in Minnesota on Sept. 6. During that nearly month-long period, the A's starting pitchers were outstanding.

Even in the face of defeat, the A's were able to pull off some miraculous victories. Win number 18 came at the expense of the Twins. Entering the ninth, Minnesota trailed by two, but three home runs in the top of the inning put them ahead by one.

For most teams, that would cause a collapse, and the game would be over, but it was no big deal for the A's. MVP candidate Miguel Tejada kept the streak rolling with a three run homer of his own in the bottom of the ninth to win the game. Tejada was not finished though, as he again brought in the game-winning run the next day to lift Oakland over the Kansas City Royals for win number 19.

If those two games were not amazing enough, Wednesday night's game against the Royals could not have been more exciting. Oakland began the game with six runs in the first and built an 11–0 lead. Most fans figured they might as well take a nap for this one, right?

Wrong.

Even as Oakland did everything they could to give this one away, pinch hitter Scott Hatteberg decided enough already and blasted a walk-off homer to give the A's their AL record 20th victory in a row.

Almost a month ago, on Aug. 12, the date of Oakland's last defeat before the streak, the A's were looking up at a possible playoff position. They were still vying for a wild card entry into the post-season.

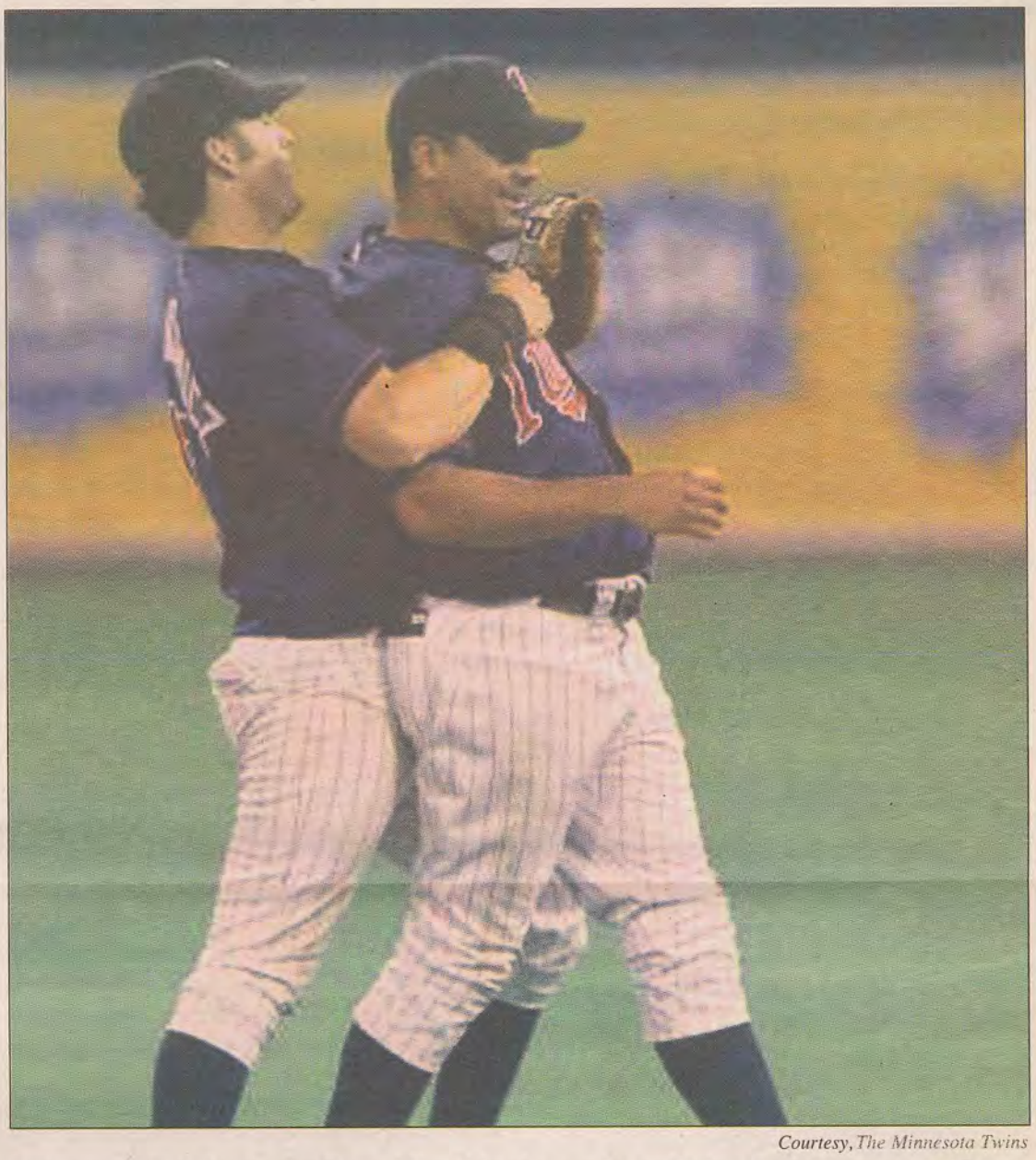
Now, over three weeks, thousands of miles of travel and six dumbfounded teams later, the A's are in a strong position to take the American League West. However, it is not all wrapped up by any means. Oakland leads Anaheim by only two games.

All of Oakland's remaining games are against division foes, so the home stretch will be crucial. Though the A's have earned many new fans and much respect across the league, it is still possible that they will not even make the post-season.

J.J. Moore, former roommate of Oakland pitcher Mark Mulder, seems to like their chances.

"They're tearing it up... They're solid." Moore said.

It has been fun watching them keep on winning to become part of baseball history, but as Twins Fan Mike Lippert stated, "They're gonna be beleaguered anyway when they get swept by the Twins in the playoffs."



Courtesy, The Minnesota Twins

Minnesota first baseman, Doug Mientkiewicz, walks a little too close to second baseman Luis Rivas after the Twins victory broke the Oakland A's winning streak.

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State Theater renovation brings tables and food into to movie watchers.

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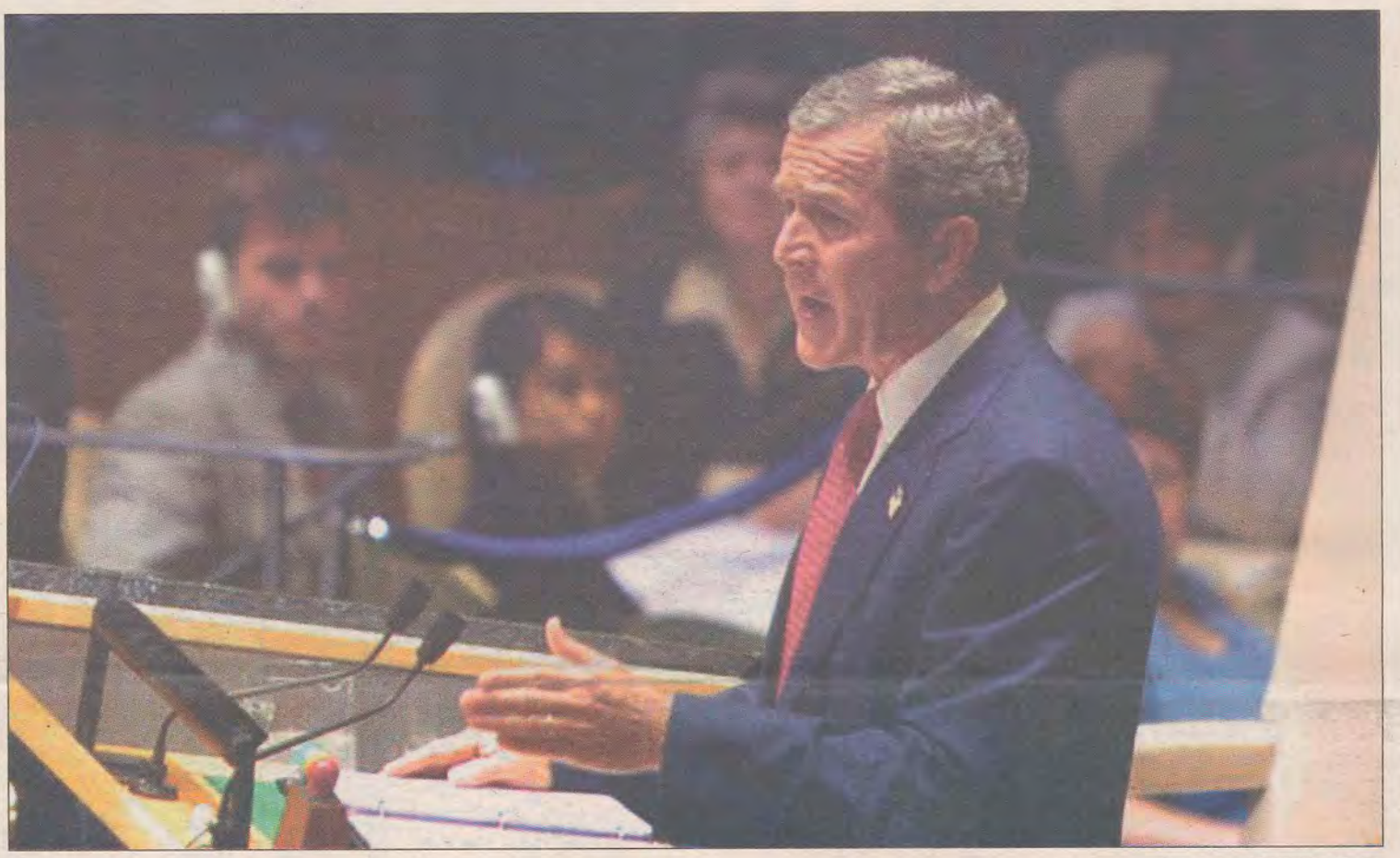
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President speaks for America

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia



Courtesy: The White House

President Bush addressing United Nations Security Council about preparations for military action with Iraq.

President Bush spoke to the United Nations Security Council on Sept. 12, and asserting that even without the UN's support, the United States is preparing military action against Iraq. If the leader Saddam Hussein fails to honor previous commitments to disarm and allow inspectors inside Iraq.

"With every step the Iraqi regime takes toward gaining and deploying the most terrible weapons, our own options to confront that regime will narrow. And if an emboldened regime were to supply these weapons to terrorists allies, then the attacks of September 11 would be a prelude to far greater horrors," Bush said in a press release.

President Bush listed the many reasons that Iraq stands as a threat, including Iraq's resistance to granting UN investigators access for weapons inspections.

"To assume this regime's good faith is to bet the lives of millions and the peace of the world in a reckless gamble, and this is a risk we must not take," Bush said.

Also, President Bush demanded that in order to have peace, Iraq must end terrorist support, swear to remove weapons of mass destruction, account for Gulf War personnel, accept liability for the invasion of Kuwait and stop the-oil-for food program.

"Are Security Council resolutions to be honored and enforced or cast aside without consequence? asked Bush. By heritage and by choice, the United States of America will make that stand. And, delegates to the United Nations, you have the power to make that stand, as well."

Dr. Alec Kirby a professor of the Social Sciences said,"America is on war footing, and the public poles clearly show support for Bush's force in Iraq. It is very sad."

Kirby said that when polled, most Americans answered "yes" in favor of action in Iraq, yet when asked if there is a clear policy, they answered "no."

"If a policy exists, it has not been enunciated by President Bush," Kirby said.

The international community is skeptical about the Bush Adiminsitrations hopes to remove Hussein's regime from power, for reasons of legality and wisdom, further voiced Kirby.

Legally, many question whether the United States

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2003-05 UW System budget

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

This August, the University of Wisconsin System Board of Regents met to discuss a budget proposal for the 2003-05 biennium.

Following budget guidelines set by the Wisconsin Department of Administration and yielding to the state's billion-dollar deficit, the board approved a proposal that asks for no new funding for new programs.

The bare-bones budget contains increases only to fund commitments already made by the university.

"I feel strongly that we have come to the end of our capacity to maintain quality with growing enrollments and declining base resources," UW System President Katharine Lyall told the board, said in a press release.

"Over the past decade, we have absorbed almost $100 million in base cuts while continuing to admit more students in response to enrollment pressures, Lyall said. "We have now 'hit the wall.' We cannot continue this trend."

Because final budget decisions have not yet been made, it is difficult to predict what effects the decisions will have on public universities across the state, including the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

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>
> **Connie Olson**
> *Junior in Psychology*

"As of this day, we have not decided to limit freshmen enrollment at UW-Stout, but clearly this could be an option if the state does not address the fiscal crisis the state faces," UW-Stout Chancellor Charles Sorensen said.

In the past, raising tuition has not been a popular option in offsetting budget reductions, but changes must be made in order to maintain adequate support for a quality UW System education.

Among students, the idea of raising tuition, especially tuition with the cost of a laptop figured in, is a frightening thought.

"The amount of time students spend in class doesn't justify the amount of money they are paying to be there," said Connie Olson, a junior in psychology.

Dr. Rober Sedlak said,"The state budget picture should not place the laptop program in jeopardy and we expect to keep it in an affordable range for students and their parents." Dr. Robert Sedlak is the provost and vice chancellor for UW-Stout academic and student affairs.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 71° Low 49° Mostly Cloudy	High 64° Low 43° Mostly Cloudy	High 64° Low 49° Partly Cloudy

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New one-ways affect campus



by Jay Fish/The Stoutonia

Signs like this one are new editions to three streets on and around campus.

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia

"It'll take them a while to get used to the one-ways. People get into the habit, kinda like smoking," said Terry Tilleson the Street Supervisor for the City of Menomonie Street Department.

Tilleson speaks about the recent trial changes made to three streets that run through and around campus that will affect all drivers. Please see the map. Third Street East is now a one-way south from Wilson Avenue, which ends near Fryklund Hall, to 10th Avenue, which is the corner by the Memorial Student Center.

4th Street East is now a one-way from Wilson Ave. to 9th Ave, which runs along the north side of the Library Learning Center. Also, 9th Avenue is now a one-way east from the Heating Plant to the Child and Family Study Center on 6th Street East.

These changes have been made for a few reasons, but largely for parking ease. The city surveys businesses on Main Street annually, and according to the campus Parking Coordinator Keith McCarten, their biggest complaint was that students seemed to be parking on Main Street, limiting the number of spots for local business customers.

"The new one-way roads seem to make it easy for pedestrians, and keeps them safer than before when crossing the street," said Tim Berglan, a sophomore in art education.

"The traffic on campus seems lessoned by the change, and also the parking is a lot better," The city approached the University of Wisconsin-Stout about this issue, and so the city of Menominie and the campus worked through many transitions and made compromises on both sides to come to the conclusion seen today.

"The campus was not wild about one-way streets on campus," said McCarten. "They make it harder to get around, but the city was very cooperative with the campus's needs. The result was a compromise."

The streets were changed to make parking possible on both sides, all of which will all be monitored by city - ordered meters.

"I see the meters as a positive thing," said McCarten." "Many students do not want to buy a parking permit for various reasons, and this availability of more metered parking makes sense and benefits all who are involved."

Along with these changes came a concern for pedestrian safety. According to McCarten, parking spots were set back from crosswalks with ample space for pedestrians to be visible and a safe distance from cars pulling out of parking spots.

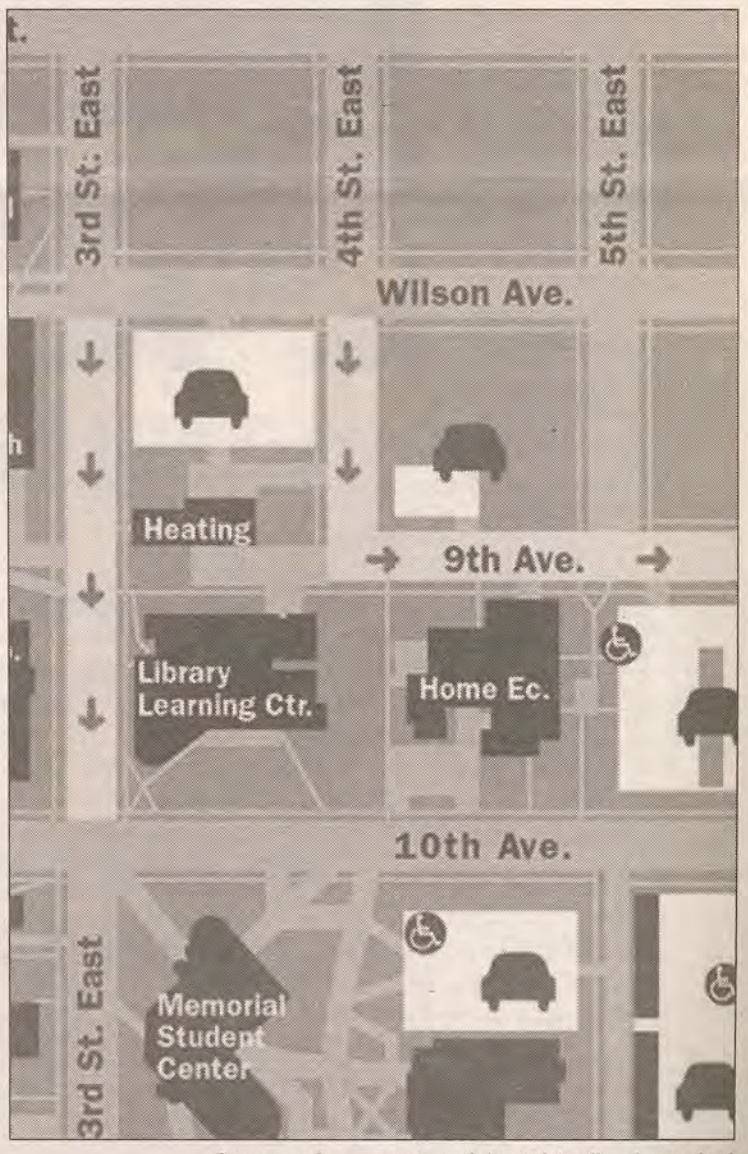
The university may further the safety of these roads by making recommendations to the city to change the curbs and add more signs.

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> **Terry Tilleson**
> *Supervisor for City of Menomonie Street Department*

Other changes that were made on the streets around campus include adding more metered street parking.

The university suggested adding more meters to 6th Street East, so there is no longer free parking from 10th Avenue to 13th Avenue. Also, meters were added to 13th Avenue on the north side of the Applied Arts building.

"We the new metered spaces will result in more turnover,"said McCarten. "We wanted more open spaces for community visitors who come to many university functions. The more public parking, the better."



Courtesy of www.uwstout.edu/geninfo/traffic_changes.html

Map shows new one-ways on and around campus, indicated by arrows.



Compiled by Greta Hittner with UW-Stout Police

1. Stolen Bicycle
A student reported to police on Sept. 12 that his bicycle was stolen from the racks outside Price Commons. The student said that he thought the bike was locked , but that it appeared the lock was not completely secured when he left the bike, as the bike was missing, but the lock was hanging on the rack. The bike had a red frame with white wheel forks and a shock seat post. It was not registered with Menomonie police and the student does not have the serial number or frame numbers. The value of the bike is approximately $800. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time and no one had permission to take the bike.

2. Another Missing Bicycle
A student reported that after parking his bike on the racks outside of Fleming Hall late Sept. 11, the bicycle was stolen on the morning of Sept. 12. The bike was securely locked with a keyed Master Lock. When he returned to his bike in the morning the bike and the lock were gone. The bike is a very distinct green, described as "John Deere Green." There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

3. Pitched Picnic Tables
A staff member of the Grounds Department reported to police that on the evening of Sept. 12, some unknown person(s) threw two six foot metal picnic tables into the trees and bushes between the Jarvis Hall Science Wing and the Memorial Student Center. A garbage and cigarette butt receptacle were also knocked over. There was minor damage done to the trees.

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Courtesy: The White House

President Bush adressed the United Nations General Assembly on September 12.

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has the right to act unilaterally to overthrow Hussein.

The UN charter, though, states that a nation cannot use force unless it is under attack. Yet, Bush says the US is prepared to act alone if necessary. Bush argues that the potential threat is enough.

Kirby spoke of history, and if it could prove as a guide. Then a lesson can be learned from Iran, and how 25 years of cheap oil was exchanged for a serious threat for western interests.

"History is not on our side," Kirby said.

According to professor Kirby, the Bush administration is not looking that far ahead and has no post Hussein governance in Iraq. Most expect that without Hussein, Iraq will break up into three pieces that will fight and cause instability.

"I see this as a nightmare," said Kirby.

Since the Security Council addressment, the council indicates that they are willing to work with Bush.

According to Kirby, the countries of France and Russia have extensive oil related interests with Iraq, and if they chose not to support the Bush administration's decision, the US is most likely will not support the two countries' oil interests.

"This is a veiled threat to those countries," said Kirby.

The UN Security Council spoke of resolutions, questioning whether it should include a deadline for compliance to let weapons inspectors into Iraq, and later decided to write an initial resolution without a date. Then, if the inspectors are not let in, another will be passed.

The Bush administration opposes the idea of two, but supports the writing of one resolution, which includes a timetable.

"Guessing the administrations motivations in Iraq is like trying to predict the future with tea leaves: they have not presented a case why urgent action must be taken now," said Kirby.

Kirby says many suspect that the administration feels inclined to secure access to Iraq oil for US oil companies.

On Oct 3 at 7:00 p.m. there will be an open Iraq Forum in the Glass Lounge. Kirby said the discussion would be a free flowing discussion of the wisdom of intervention for students and faculty. There is no agenda, just an opportunity to ask questions and get information.

Kirby suspects that American favor has risen for this action, due to the fact that many are answering with feelings and emotion.

"This is understandable, even praiseworthy that individuals want to avenge deaths, but a policy should not be a result of emotion, but informed deliberation," said Kirby.

"We will discuss what we should know to have an educated opinion. It is urgent that we first ask ourselves what questions we should ask before we develop our opinion," said Kirby.

Forum of Intervention

When:

-Oct 3 at 7:00 p.m.

Where:

-Glass Lounge

What:

-Open discussion for students and faculty

- chance to learn about US conflictwith Iraq

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Also included in the board's proposal are calls for several changes to state law that would give the regents more flexibility in managing the university.

These changes include allowing the UW System to keep the interest rates earned from tuition revenue and giving the regents full authority to set tuition rates.

"Such modifications would help compensate, in part, for the financial difficulties the state is facing," said John Enger, executive director of university relations for UW-Stout.

In contrast to the current financial problems facing the state and university, a recently released study has shown the UW System to be a major economic engine in the state of Wisconsin.

According to the study conducted by NorthStar Economics in Madison, Wis., the UW System contributes $9.5 billion to the state's economy each year, which is nearly a 10-fold return on the state's investment in the university.

The $9.5 billion figure is determined by calculating the amount of in-state spending by UW System institutions, along with spending by UW employees, students and visitors.

These amounts are then multiplied by an average weighted sales multiplier to arrive at the total economic contribution.

Richard Tyson, an associate professor of economics at UW-Stout, has conducted similar studies for the UW-Stout campus.

He found that approximately 76 percent of UW-Stout staff income are spent in the Menomonie area. So, cuts in the budget can be seen to affect the local economy.

"The state is going to have to decide if it will continue to support the UW System so it can contribute to the state's economy," said Enger.

"We are a driving force for economic development in this state and any further cuts are going to curtail our ability to deliver that important service."

Enger also emphasized the importance of student envolvement. The months ahead will be critical to the survival of the UW System. To make your voice heard, contact your local legislator.

Information on contacting a local legislator can be found at www.legis.state.wi.us/waml

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Doesn't Menomonie care about us?

I have to admit, this will be like the millionth time that I rant about the city of Menomonie, but it seems like they want me to keep it up.

This time, the target is pretty obvious and almost too easy, but things have to be said. What I'm talking about is the disaster that is road construction in the city.

Menomonie decided that they finally needed to repair some of the major streets in town. They also decided to wait until the population increased by about 6,000 people.

I called the city to get their side of the story, and they gave the following reasons: the streets were bad in the first place because sub-par concrete was used, and they had to wait until now because the contractor they hired couldn't get here until now.

Where exactly is the foresight and planning that the people in charge are supposed to be implementing?

I know this whole situation has made a lot of people mad, and rightly so. Businesses that don't deliver were basically without customers for two days. People who live on Main Street had jackhammers outside their window early on Tuesday morning. Plus, everybody who was in the area had to inhale all that wonderful concrete dust.

Then there are the numerous changes in



street direction. It just seems that the city does whatever it wants, regardless of how it affects people.

They also seem to only pay attention to the problems they feel like. Trust me, there are plenty of streets in town that are in much worse condition.

But no, the city would rather close down two major state highways to repair some ugly cracks. Who cares where people need to go, as long as the city gets it way.

Threats are fun, but trust is far better



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

When the Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity was given the temporary boot last year, I really thought that would be the last time we heard of an organization being suspended. I was wrong.

From what I hear, there are a few organizations, some which would surprise us all, that are being threatened with having their funding pulled and no longer being recognized by the Stout Student Association,(SSA).

Wondering which organizations are on the old chopping block? I hate to say this, but apparently all of them.

In two recent mailings done to all organizations on campus, the threat of no longer being recognized by the SSA has been used. Although it may be little more than a drastic way to get attention, it begs the question of why such harshness must be used to begin with.

The first of these two mailings was sent out to ensure that all organizations went to the Leadership Institute. At this gathering I learned something, but not from the sessions. I learned that the leaders of this campus are some of the most responsible people I have ever met. I would be confident having any of them as employees based on their reliability alone.

It may have just been me making this judgement of character, but I doubt it. Then again, if they appear so trustworthy to everyone else, why the need for threats? Shouldn't they just be given a task and know that it will be completed?

When I was younger I was issued a few threats by my parents. It wasn't because I was a bad kid, it was just because they knew I needed a harsh consequence to ensure I did what I was told. However, now at age 21, I haven't heard those threats for a while. I have earned their trust and consequently earned a more pleasant way of living. In trust.

I hope that in the future, all the organizations on this campus can continue to prove they can be trusted as they have all along, and maybe someday we will be able to be treated like it too.

The First Amendment is what makes America free



TESTPATTERN
Matt Tracy, Esq.

This week, I will be talking about the First Amendment, and why it is the most important principle that we have in this country.

The First Amendment is the freedom that lets us be who we are. It lets every American be truly free and gives us the power to change the country.

Most people associate the First Amendment with freedom of speech. While it is that, it is so much more.

In the Bill of Rights, the First Amendment reads: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

That one sentence has given us freedom of religion, the right to change unfair laws, the right to protest that which we don't agree with, and to think as we please.

Yet the First Amendment is not without its dark side, so to speak. To truly embrace the First Amendment, we must take the good with the bad, the cruel and the ignorant.

The First Amendment means that we must allow even the most unpopular

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Letters to the Editor

Problems with sports pages

Dear Editor,

I am puzzled. The title of your newspaper is the Stoutonia. Right underneath that banner it says "The newspaper by the students for the University of Wisconsin-Stout community. Therefore, you would think the paper would contain "STOUT NEWS." Not exactly!

I picked up your Thursday, September 12th paper and when I got to the Sports section I thought I would be reading Stout Sports news, from the STOUT NEWS paper. In 3 pages there were ZERO mentions of Stout's varsity sports program. There were however, large articles on a University of Minnesota football player, the Minnesota Twins, Fantasy football for the NFL, and Sports and the American Spirit. That's the same thing I can read in ANY other paper.

Stout athletics is in one of it's best starts in school history and yet most of the sports articles printed by your paper have nothing to do with STOUT sports news. At the time of this letter volleyball is 10-0, soccer has won 3 shutout games in a row, women's cross country won a 17 team meet last week, mens cross country was 2nd out of 17 colleges, and football is picked #1 in the WIAC and is nationally ranked. There must be something in STOUT sports that could be interesting. Please consider covering more STOUT programs in the STOUT newspaper in the future or changing your sports section title to the "Minnesota and Professional Sports Section". That's what I just read.

Joe Harlan

Coach Harlan,

You are correct that the Stoutonia should cover varsity and campus sports. In the future the Sports section will give updates on all of the varsity sports on campus as well as a number of clubs and other activities. I would like to point out that the Sports section has no returning writers, and this is only my third week as Sports editor. Give us some time and we will impress.

Sports Editor
Curt Trnka

Proofreading issues

To Whom It May Concern:

On Page 5 of the Sept. 12th edition of your paper, is a column titled "Talk is cheap, actions speak louder than words, ect., ect., ect." Where are your proofreaders. The proper abbreviation for et cetera is etc. Come on guys. Lets look a bit more professional.

Dr. J. Maglio

James Block article

To the editor,

I don't know if you have lost a person quite like the friend that I lost this past weekend. All I have to say is that you did not give him the tribute that Jamie Block deserves. I realize it was an issue dedicated to September 11, however I remember when the girl from the soccer team passed away last year. She had a big picture and a beautiful article written about her. It was a touching article and I am not saying that Jamie's article should compare in any way. However, a picture at least would have been appropriate. Everyone would have been able to see his smile one last time, had you printed a picture.

I saw a huge article on the sports page about a Minnesota Gopher, who passed away. You included a picture of him and he didn't even go to our school. No one knows him here at Stout, yet it still a life and that is wonderful that we paid respect to his life in the Stoutonia. The thing is, a lot of people at Stout knew Jamie and many people have been forever changed by him. Maybe, you didn't know him, but I guarantee if you did, your article would have been completely different. You wouldn't have words to justly describe the kind of person that he is. I truly wish you could have known him, because your perspective on life would be so different. You would want to live much harder each day, showing as much kindness as you possibly can to every person that you encounter during your day.

The one paragraph in particular, that bothers me is this one:

On Monday night, Block's parens and fiance came to Menomonie to meet some of Block's friends.

That does not even begin to describe what that night meant to all of us and to Jamie's parents and fiance. I guess, I just want you to know that it so appropriate to understand what a life means to the people left behind, especially as a journalist. The way you felt in your article about September 11, was somewhat true. Self-absorption is very sickening. You are living proof of insensitivity. Since you sat down to say a prayer for all those lost in 9/11, maybe now, you could also sit down and say a prayer for Jamie and his friends and family.

Jaime Souza
Cross Country Teammate and friend

I am writing to express my extreme disappointment in the article about my very good friend James Block. Your responsibility at the Stoutonia is to write an article that does the topic justice, using the best journalism possible. In anyone's opinion, you failed miserably with this responsibility on a topic that could have been a wonderful article.

Terrific quotes were supplied, which you changed and misquoted. Pictures, that could have given James a face to all who didn't know him, were not used. The writing was short and impassionate. Little time was taken to research the topic. This was a man who loved everything about Stout and Menomonie and was active as an alumni. And the best you can do is this article. For the first time, I'm disappointed to have attended a university that would do this to my friend. You wrote a very bad article and you should know that the Stoutonia has lost all respect to a lot of people because of it.

Kyran Hamill
Eau Claire, WI

To the friends of James Block:

While I clearly understand your right to be upset, I know that given the circumstances, I wrote that story to the best of my ability. It is never easy to write a story about a student death; this was no exception.

I am sure Mr. Block was an incredible person and if I failed to convey that to your liking in my article, I apologize. I meant no ill will to his life or to those who care about him.

I also hope that this issue can be put to rest now so that we can focus on the many great things in Mr. Block's life.

Editor-in-Chief
Nick Coenen

Menomonie life



WILLPOWER
William Christenson

Although Menomonie may seem like a small, boring town to many, I find that it is actually a fairly interesting place to live. For all the complaining people do about how boring this town is, I find it hard to believe that there aren't more people trying to make it interesting, which is not to say that there aren't people who make this town enjoyable.

For instance, there a many great musicians in town, as shown by the excellent show that was played at the Nethouse Cafe last weekend, as well as every open mic night at the Acoustic Cafe or Blue Devil Lounge. We also get many great musicians from around the country playing at the many Blue Devil Productions shows.

In addition to a thriving music scene, we also have plenty of small stores to provide for all your needs, if you just take the time to look around. Some of these include Atlantis Music, Johnny Lunchbox, Simple Sports and others. I find that I can get almost everything I need with out having to leave town.

I know that a very large number of University of Wisconsin-Stout students like to spend their time just going to parties and getting drunk. Even though this is Wisconsin, that's still not an excuse to waste all your time drinking alcohol.

This is my warning to freshmen and all my fellow students: have a good time at college, but please don't waste your life.

UW-Stout students need to stop complaining about how bad this town is. If they really have that big of a problem with it, they should go out and do something about it. Nothing gets done by just sitting around complaining about stuff.

First Amendment

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speech. We cannot allow ourselves to think like some do, that the freedom of our speech is more important than anyone else's.

I know that the majority of America would rather not hear anything that the Ku Klux Klan has to say. This does not mean they are without the rights that we enjoy.

If we were to stifle their rights to protest and to say whatever they want, we would be no better then they are. As sad as it is, we would be saying that our way of life is better than theirs, which is what they preach.

We, as Americans have to be able to rise above and ignore that which is only words. We have the right to ignore just as much as they have a right to be heard.

I wish everyone were a Libertarian. We say what we want and we don't interfere with anyone else. But what we are also very good at is ignoring people. If I don't like what you're saying, I will be respectful enough to either ignore you, or have a discussion about it.

What I will not do is try to forcibly change your mind or make you stop saying what you are saying. Free speech should be absolute and unquestioned.

As long as no one gets hurt, why can't people say, think, believe, not believe or do whatever they want? I guess the reason is that people are not secure enough in their own thoughts and beliefs to let that happen.

Hopefully, one day, we can all work together and eliminate censorship.

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the charts

according to Entertainment Weekly

Top 10 Albums

1. Dixie Chicks - "Home"
2. Eminem - "The Eminem Show"
3. Avril Lavigne - "Let Go"
4. Nelly - "Nellyville"
5. Bruce Springsteen - "The Rising"
6. Norah Jones - "Come Away With Me"
7. Coldplay - "A Rush Of Blood to the Head"
8. Various Artists - "NOW 10"
9. Eve - "Eve-olution
10. Clipse - "Lord Willin'"

Top 10 Movies

1. "Barbershop"
2. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
3. "One Hour Photo"
4. "Stealing Harvard"
5. "Swimfan"
6. "Signs"
7. "City by the Sea"
8. "XXX"
9. "Spy Kids 2"
10. "Austin Powers in Goldmember"

Top 10 TV Shows

1. "American Idol"- Tuesday
2. "American Idol" - Wednesday
3. "CSI" - Thursday Special
4. "Everybody Loves Raymond"
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6. "CSI" - Monday
7. "NFL Sunday Night Football"
8. "Becker"
9. "Law & Order"
10. "60 Minutes"

Top 10 Books

1. "The Lovely Bones" - Alice Seibold
2. "The Red Rabbit"- Tom Clancy
3. "Morgawr: The Voyage of Jerle Shannara" - Alan Furst
4. "Dark Horse" - Tami Hoag
5. "Standing in the Rainbow" - Fannie Flagg
6. "The Nanny Diaries" - Emma McLaughlin
7. "The Beach House" - James Patterson and Peter de Jonge
8. "The Grave Maurice" - Martha Grimes
9. "A Love of My Own" - E. Lynn Harris
10. "Shadow Puppets" - Orson Scott Card

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Open Mic Night
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Heritage Cafe

Soprano Ann Hoyt
Sept. 28
Mabel Tainter Theater

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Sept. 30 - 7:30 p.m.
Great Hall

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Oct. 3 - 8:00 p.m.
Great Hall

Old theater, new look

David Zill
The Stoutonia



by Andrea Nies, The Stoutonia

The new renovation of the State Theater included new tables in the theaters and a new pizza place next door that serves a variety of food to movie watchers.

A long-standing icon of Broadway Street since 1949, the State Cinema Movie Theater building has stood the test of time. However, in May 2002, the 53-year-old theater has recently received a makeover.

"The remodeling took place to make the theater more comfortable by adding stadium seats," said Nick LeGros, the theater's owner.

Along with new seating, LeGros converted the theater's neighbor into Nick's Pizza. Formerly known as St. Nick's Old-Fashioned Ice Cream Parlor, Nick's Pizza was named after his deceased daughter, who was born on St. Nicholas' Day.

Unique from Menomonie's three other pizza places, Nick's Pizza not only delivers to your house, but also to your State Cinema seat.

LeGros wanted to introduce the café cinema idea to Menomonie.

"I had a theater in De Pere back in 1996 where we offered the same concept; it worked pretty well there and the timing seemed right to do it in Menomonie," LeGros said. "Technically, we are the only theater that has stadium style seats with café tables in the state."

The change in seating and dining has also changed business for the State Cinema Movie Theater.

"We have seen an increase; it's considerable," said LeGros. "I think the fact that we are $3.00 for adults and $2.00 for children makes a big difference."

LeGros also contributes the theater's success to offering something the whole community can enjoy.

"We try to have something for the kids that is not R-rated, and something for college kids and adults as well," LeGros said.

LeGros isn't the only one happy with the new changes at the theater.

"I loved the theater; it's quaint and the pizza and movie thing is fabulous!" said Judy Partons, one of last Saturday's customers who was visiting from Appleton, Wis. "They need to put one in Appleton."

Students also seem to enjoy the new renovations.

"It's a nice idea," said Laura Toussaint, a junior in retail merchandising. "It adds an extra element of going to the movies, and the price is reasonable for college students. However, you get what you pay for. While the movies are cheap, the place isn't always the cleanest."

Besides competing with other pizza places, LeGros also has competition from the newly opened CineMagic Theater on the north side of town.

"My forte is discount theater," LeGros said. "When CineMagic came in it just helped me make the determination that I wanted to do discount theater."

Upcoming artist has Bright eye-dias



ALBUMREVIEW
Amanda Dobbratz

It's 3:14 p.m., Friday, Sept. 6. My phone rings.

"Hello! This is Alison from Girlie Action."

Oh, this is fabulous, I thought. How'd I get on a porn list? However, Girlie Action, to my elation, is not part of the pornography industry. Rather, it is a group of publicists for musicians such as Blackalicious, They Might Be Giants, Flogging Molly, The White Stripes and Bright Eyes.

Ever since I got this job at *The Stoutonia*, it's been a sort of pipe dream of mine to interview Conor Oberst of Bright Eyes. Well, after much scheming and e-mailing on my part, Alison at Girlie Action realized my dream.

One of the most recognized names in indie-rock, Bright Eyes' Conor Oberst, 22, explores relationships gone sour, yearns for lost innocence and reveals his own self-destruction through intricately woven melodies and poet-

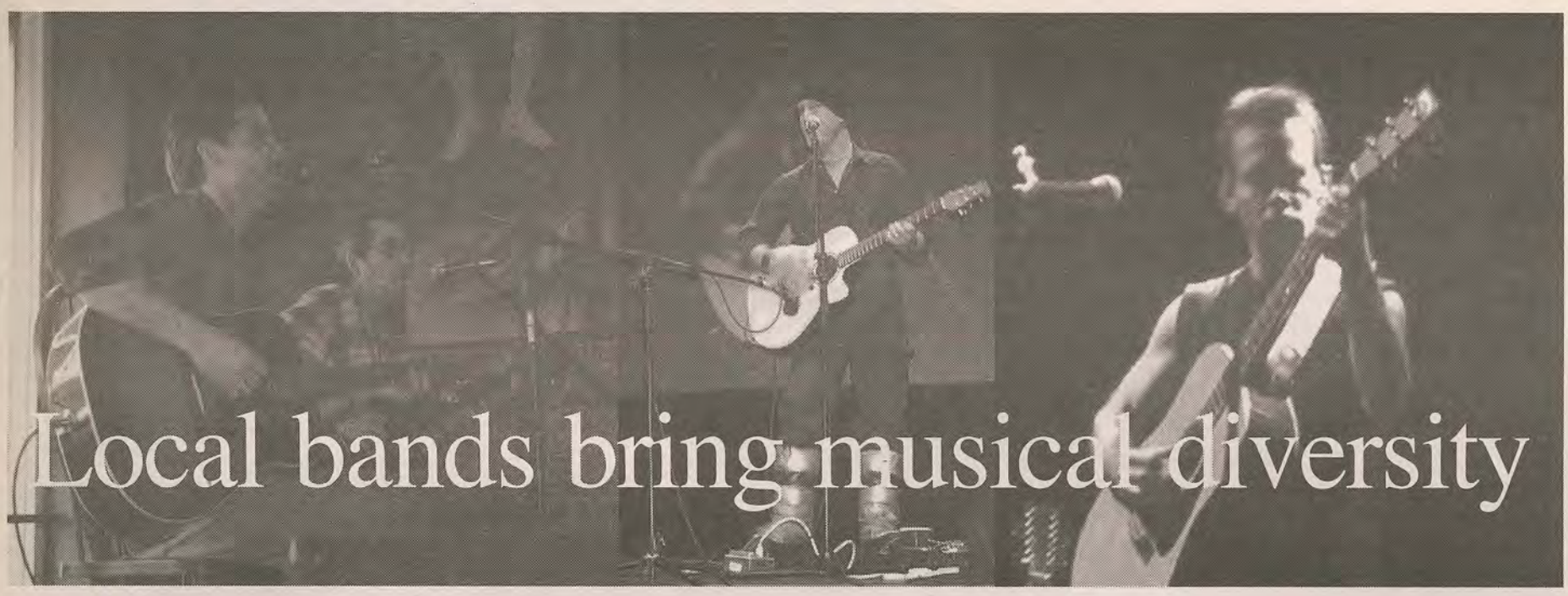
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Courtesy: Blue Devil Productions

Musicial artist Conor Oberst of indie-rock group Bright Eyes performs with a unique style.

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Local bands bring musical diversity

A look at the entertainment scene for students in Menomonie

Amanda Dobbratz
The Stoutonia

The room is packed with attentive bodies, watching every move of the musician performing in front of them. As the song dies out, the uproarious applause is deafening.

This is not a scene from some hip, big city. Occurrences like this usually happen twice a week right here in our own, Menomonie, Wis.

Menomonie is home to quite the fledgling music scene. All types of music are represented by local musicians: hardcore punk, electronica, folk, bands with vulgar names and even straight-up rock.

There is also a venue for every audience. Places like the Acoustic Café, The Nethouse and the on-campus Blue Devil Lounge feature local and regional music throughout the year.

The bar scene varies from Thursday night blues at the Den to electronic music every other Saturday at Ba Da Bingz.

"Deejaying is not about being famous; it's because you love what music can do to a crowd of groovy kids," says Ken Hannigan, a senior in graphic design. "We're all about the sound...the way it sounds...the sound quality is paramount."

Punk shows are played at the Masterpiece Theatre and often include local bands like The Cull, Defacto Oppression and Death First.

Calvary Chapel Church hosts contemporary Christian music every other Friday. The annual all-day festival Yeshuapolooza, which happened last weekend, is also sponsored by Calvary Chapel Church.

Open Mic nights are also a regular and popular occurrence during the year.

"I like going to Open Mic," says Steph Larsen, a senior in studio art and regular Open Mic attendee. "They're just a good time for everyone."

Some Open Mic nights in Menomonie have included such diverse performances as bagpipes, spoken-word, cello, acoustic punk-rock, juggling and the traditional boy with guitar.

The Menomonie music community is not only thriving, but growing as well. Groups of local musicians, the Deejay Collective Nuform and campus organizations like Blue Devil Productions are fertilizing the ground.

"In the four years I've been here it has doubled in events," said Craig Grabhorn, a senior in graphic design.

So, if you think there's nothing to do in Menomonie, look a little harder. It's not that hard to find some kind of entertainment; this barely skims the pudding.

Bright/ young musician boosts simplicity with creativity

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ic, yet narrative lyrics.

My biggest fear before I talked to Oberst was that he would disappoint his image. Instead, he exceeded it, and I found an intelligent, politically concerned musician who is much more focused on his craft than fulfilling any sort of naïve image.

"Lifted or The Story is in the Soil, Keep Your Ear to the Ground," the new album from Bright Eyes, is a collage of musical styles, with Oberst's quavering, characteristic voice featured as the unifying element to the songs.

"At the core of a lot of the songs, you know they're all just simple folk songs, and so in order to give them their own identity, we try to decorate them," said Oberst. "Some songs were written more country or more whatever. When we record them, it's more of a matter of exploiting those parts of the song."

Many of the songs on "Lifted" make use of an interesting dichotomy that juxtaposes upbeat instrumental arrangements with Oberst's usual themes.

"I enjoy music and art that has something more meaningful," Oberst said. "I think having a song with some real sad lyrics and putting them to an upbeat melody says more."

As an influence in this area, Oberst mentions a Phil Spector-produced Leonard Cohen album, "The Death of a Ladies' Man."

The sheer scope of this record shows that Oberst is not concerned with expectations placed on him. Soaring orchestral-pop arrangements define this album in an endearingly well-written, pretentious sort of manner.

If you want to hear some of Bright Eyes' music, give me a call; I'm happy to rev up my record player.



"Bright Eyes"
-The Death of a Ladies' Man
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"Swimfan" wades in shallow end



Courtesy: The Official Swimfan Website

Ben Cronin finds himself being stalked and obsessed over by Maddison Bell after he cheats on his girlfriend by sleeping with Bell. Revenge is the name of the game in the box office hit, "Swimfan."



MOVIEREVIEW
Kim Hauschildt

"Swimfan" is the movie review of the week. Yes, I'm talking about that movie about the obsessive girl who stalks her one-night stand.

"Swimfan" was number one at the box office for the first two weekends in September, and I decided to see what the hype was all about.

It starts out like the typical high school movie. Ben Cronin, played byJesse Bradford, has many accomplishments under his belt. He is on the high school swim team racing at top speed, has a job at the local hospital handing out meds to elderly patients and above all, he has a girlfriend that he loves and adores immensely.

He has it made.

So you would think nothing could go wrong, right? Everything is perfect until the day Maddison Bell comes to town.

Maddison, played by Erika Christensen, has only a few meetings with Ben, but soon becomes secretly obsessed with him.

She meets him in the pool one night while he is swimming laps, and they end up sleeping together. Soon the obsession is out of control and Maddison takes away what is most dear to Ben.

Although most girls in their right mind would let go quickly, Maddison becomes extremely obsessive.

I found myself wanting to yell at her during the entire movie; she literally made me so frustrated I wanted to reach through the screen and either shake her or ring her neck.

This movie is what you would call irritatingly good. You will find yourself so frustrated with Maddison that you will continue to watch, hoping she will get what is coming to her.

I would compare this movie to other high school-based thriller movies such as 'Scream", "Urban Legends" and "Joy Ride," but without the extensive violence. If you like these types of movies, I highly suggest you pay the money to see "Swimfan."

It's filled with many upsetting trials and tribulations; lessons are learned and lives get ruined.



Swimfan
starring Jesse Bradford and Erika Christensen
Kim says: *"This movie is what you would call irritatingly good."*

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It's greek to me: Sororities Rush

National sororities spend the week recruiting for new members to add to their legacy of sisters



(*left*) Prospective members sit and listen to current Greek sisters give a presentation on the national society they hope to enter.

ΔΖ



(*right*) Students get a chance to mingle meeting new friends and making life long connections.

ΑΦ



ΣΣΣ

(*left*)The ladies listen to stories of alumni and take the opportunity to ask any questions they have about Greek life.

Krystle Williams
The Stoutonia

There are three doors. Hidden behind each of them is a room full of screaming college women. Does this sound like the average male fantasy to you? Sorry guys, but these rooms are only for the ladies.

Sept. 16-20 is Formal Recruitment week for Alpha Phi, Delta Zeta and Sigma Sigma Sigma. Each sorority works together, gathering potential new members and life-long sisters. Those who choose to attend are welcomed with chants, free food and a friendly atmosphere.

"This is a good time for girls on campus to come and see what Greek life is about - and to see past the stereotypes," says Stacie Herbert, a Sigma Sigma Sigma and junior in service management.

Kitsi Vanoss, a Sigma Sigma Sigma and a senior in hotel and restaurant tourism added, "Greeks open more doors than close them."

Many who attended the first night of recruitment were shocked to find out that sororities had more to offer then fraternity boys and parties. Each sorority requires a minimum GPA and offers opportunities to volunteer in the community.

"The best part is meeting the people since I've been stuck in the dorms," Samantha Lang, a potential new member and a junior in human development and family studies said.

Lang attended the first night of recruitment and wasn't sure what to expect. As it turned out, she was glad she came.

So what is in store for Formal Recruitment week? Monday night was just an informational orientation that included all three of the national sororities on campus.

"The first night is really slow," Tricia Lipke, an Alpha Phi and undecided sophomore said, "but theme night should be fun."

Theme night was followed by philanthropy night, and bid night is on Thursday. As of Friday, each potential member will be a part of one of the social sororities.

"You're part of something that is a positive influence if you apply yourself," said Jackie Isenberg, a recruitment counselor and hotel restaurant and tourism major.

Everyone else who attended Monday night seemed to agree. Many girls are nervous and worried that the sorority they choose will not take them in, but it is a chance they are willing to take to be part of a life-long sisterhood.

Pesky pests find a home with students

Andrea Moore
The Stoutonia

Imagine yourself spending the first night in your new house or apartment after living in the dorms for the past two years. How did you feel? Independent? Satisfied? You probably believed that there would be no more problems to deal with except homework or rent, right? For many students, finding a nice enough house to live in is the easy part.

Unfortunately, many students must deal with the headache of making sure that nothing else, like bats or rodents, inhabits their home.

Nicole Hollerich, a junior, has found ants marching along her sink and countertops on numerous occasions.

"It's really great coming home from a long day of classes to find an extra 45 roommates," Hollerich jokes.

To deal with her ant problem, Hollerich bought Toro, a product similar to poisoned ant food. This solution and many others can be found at your basic hardware store.

Joking aside, encountering pests in your home will cost you money, time and maybe even sleep. Depending on the degree of infestation, you may even want to contact the nearest exterminator to rid your home of pests.

Many exterminator can be found in nearby areas such as Eau Claire, Knapp and Chippewa Falls. These companies deal with a wide variety of pests including bats, mice, rats, ants, spiders, bees and wasps. Most exterminator will do a consultation in your home to set up a treatment plan.

Some pests, such as mice, are harder to eliminate. Mike, an employee of the Orkin

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Exterminator/how to get rid of pests

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Exterminating Company in Eau Claire, said.

"Mice can be a difficult ongoing problem that is not always possible to entirely be rid of."

Menomonie housing isn't the only place where these pests can be found. Residents in dorms may also encounter a four-legged creature or flying friend.

"We've had a total of five bats in our dorm," Paul O'Kon, a junior in technical education said. He currently lives in CKTO. "They have had to close the doors early because they are coming in from outside."

And if you think this is worrisome, having bats living in your attic eaves may cause more than a few eye-brows to be raised.



by Steve Poole The Stoutonia

According to Jeff at Valley Bat Control in Chippewa Falls, the pesky situation of these winged insect eaters are easy to eliminate but can be pricey. To get rid of bats, exterminator install a one-way door in the attic that lets bats fly out, but not back in.

This service may hit harder to home in your pocket book; the general ballpark price of exterminating bats is around $400-$500!

Even so, your landlord or hall director should immediately be notified of the problem so that it can be taken care of.

SRA dives into cranberries

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia

Imagine visiting a cranberry land, where you can get all the jelly belly cranberry beans, cranberry cookbooks, cranberry scented candles, cranberry lip-gloss, and just about any other cranberry based product.

If you are in heaven, you may want to check out Warren's Cranberry Festival next weekend.

The Stout Retail Association (SRA), is getting involved in this year's cranberry festival.

"It a farms market," says Kim Roy, a member of the SRA and a retail merchandising and management major. "There will be anything from crafts, food and games to people and of course, cranberries."

Susan Miller, a member of the SRA and a retail merchandising and management major is excited to participate this year.

"It going to be lots of fun, have lots of people, and lots of food," says Miller.

This festival is a non-profit event.

"No particular vender gets money except this year they are going to help out the SRA by giving them 25 percent of the profit," Roy said.

The SRA will use the money for a trip to Dallas, Texas to meet with professionals from the retail field.

"Dallas will be a great place for me to network myself," says Roy, " It will be really fun too!"

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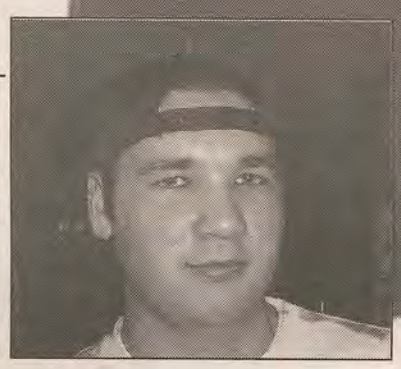
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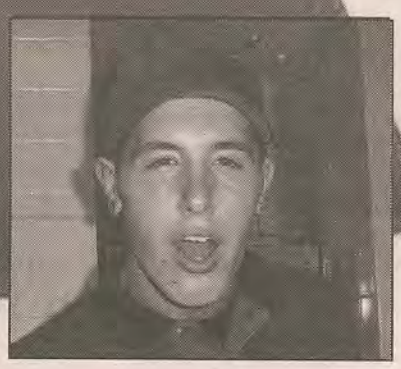
If you could have a celebrity for a roommate: who would it be?



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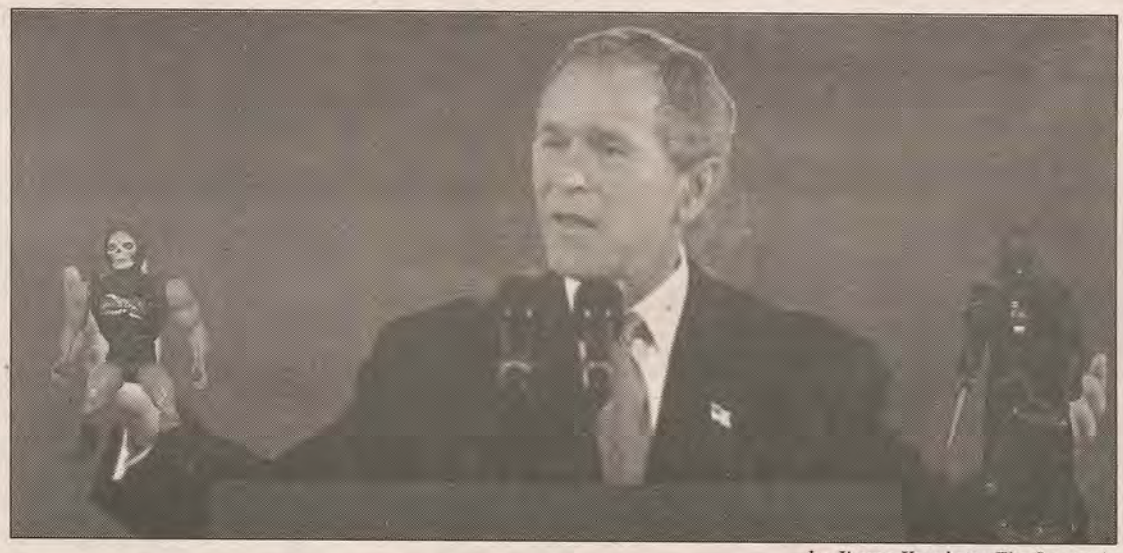
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Bush's new "Axis of Evil"

Hitler, Skeletor, Darth Vader said to be in Iraq

Bill
John
The Stoutonia



by Jimmy Krunkston The Stoutonia

President Bush explains his new foreign policy, "We cannot let these evil villains hide in Iraq. We should, ah, like go in there and get them. Who's with me!?'

New information about the escalating situation in Iraq was released today at a White House press conference. President Bush has connected additional sources of terror with Iraq.

"Dude, I totally saw uh, Hitler, Darth Vader and, uh, um, Skeletor go into Iraq," said President george W. Bush. "We need to go in and get these guys before it's too late."

Bush hopes that by adding these menaces to the list of reasons for America to go to war with Iraq, he can rally support to his cause.

"Hey, they could totally be building the Death Star or something over there," said Bush. "You don't know."

In reports released from UN weapons inspectors, it was made evident that a Death Star was indeed not being constructed.

Bush then pointed out that with Hitler in the country, there were probably "acts of genocide going on all over the place."

When asked if he knew that there was no way that Hitler could be alive, Bush shifted his eyes and remarked "ya-huh."

Bush has said that he will institute a new division of special operatives to deal with this new menace. He has proposed recruiting both He-Man and the entire Rebel Alliance to fight.

"I also heard they were like, kicking all these puppies, " said Bush. "Dude, that isn't cool."

The rest of Bush's cabinet has been relatively silent about these new terror figures, leading skeptics to question the existence of any of these new members of the so-called "Axis of Evil."

"I'm not saying Skeletor is there for sure," said Vice President Dick Cheney.

This new move by the White House is being perceived as a shot in the arm for the American public, who seem to be ignorant of the real reasons that America needs to go to war with Iraq.

"What, do you think people are going to understand the real reasons we need to go to war?" asked Bush. "American people don't understand that we need to act now to prevent future problems. They just want a few more evil villains to identify with so they feel good about going to war."

In a recent poll of random citizens, 95 percent of Americans agree that, if Hitler were indeed alive today, we should kill him.

"Ahh, the woes of student employment."



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

I spent my summer working long hours, and ultimately spent my bi-weekly paychecks on nightly outings with friends and high monthly bills. Most people can empathize with my terrible saving ability.

Now that it is fall, noodles, Ragu, alcohol and the occasional trip to Wal-Mart are some of the only expenses I worry about while I am at school. This does not require a very large budget, so my weekly $60 paychecks suffice.

My job at the Stoutonia does not require long hours, and my time in the office is determined by what I have to get done and how fast I choose to work. I love what I do and the people that I work with are awesome. It's easy money.

I run into a conflict when the organizations I am involved in ask me to fork over $150 to participate in their events, or when the credit card companies hassle me to pay my left-over summer bills.

My easy money now seems like pocket change, and I have to come up with another form of cash flow.

I have thee options: ask the parents, find a job here or go home and work.

I could ask my parents and claim I need grocery money, but actually receiving a check in the mail addressed to me stands about the same chance as Mary the elephant trampling down Main Steet again. It's slim to none.

I could find another job on campus or in Menomonie, but my chances are just as slim as the last option. Most businesses hire the bulk of their new employees in the summer, and there is slim picking for the ones that are searching now.

My last option requires me to go home and beg my summer employer for hours. Now this seems like a more plausible choice, but this means that I miss out on the lazy weekend activities.

It looks like number three is the best option. See you all on Monday.

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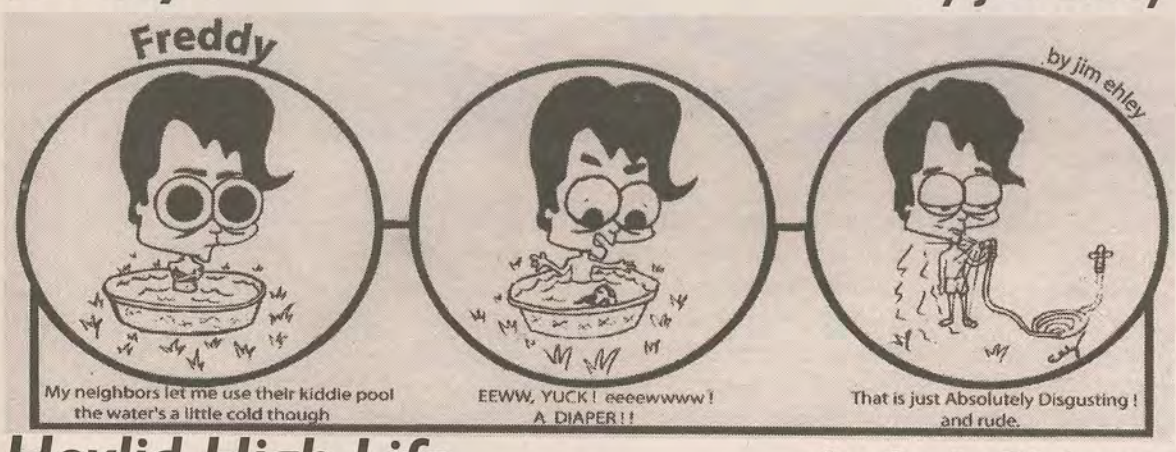
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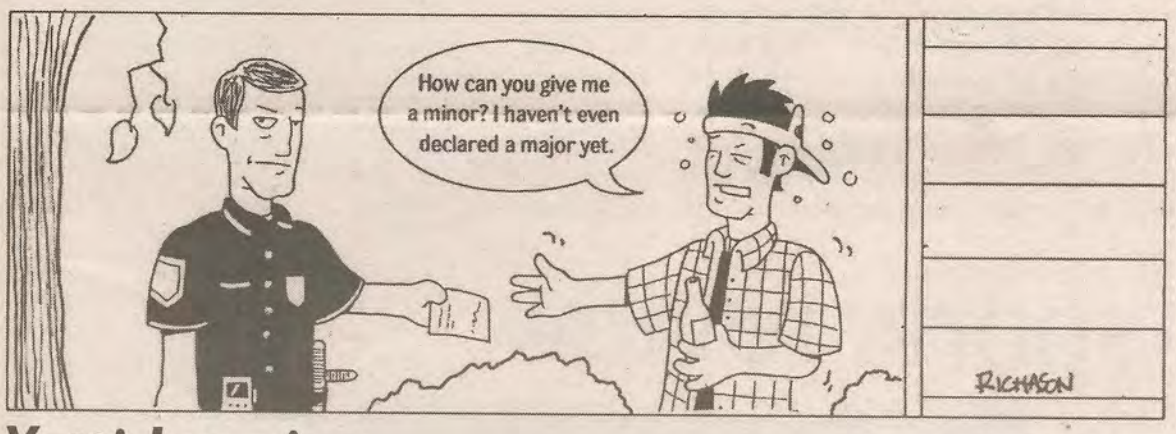
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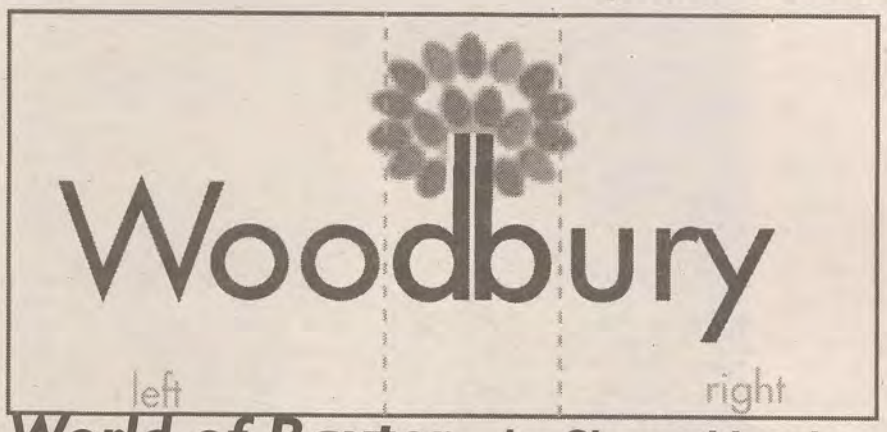


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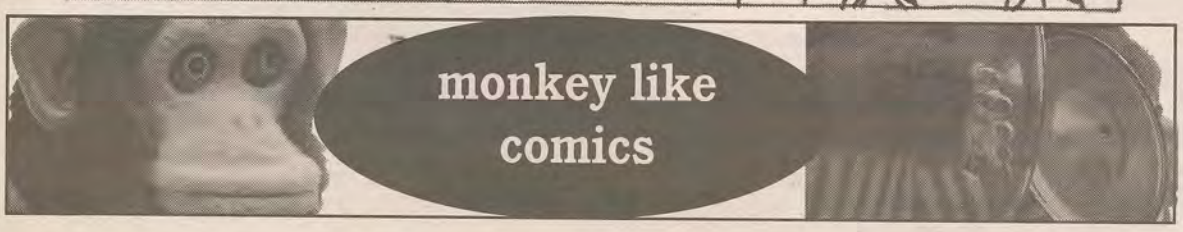
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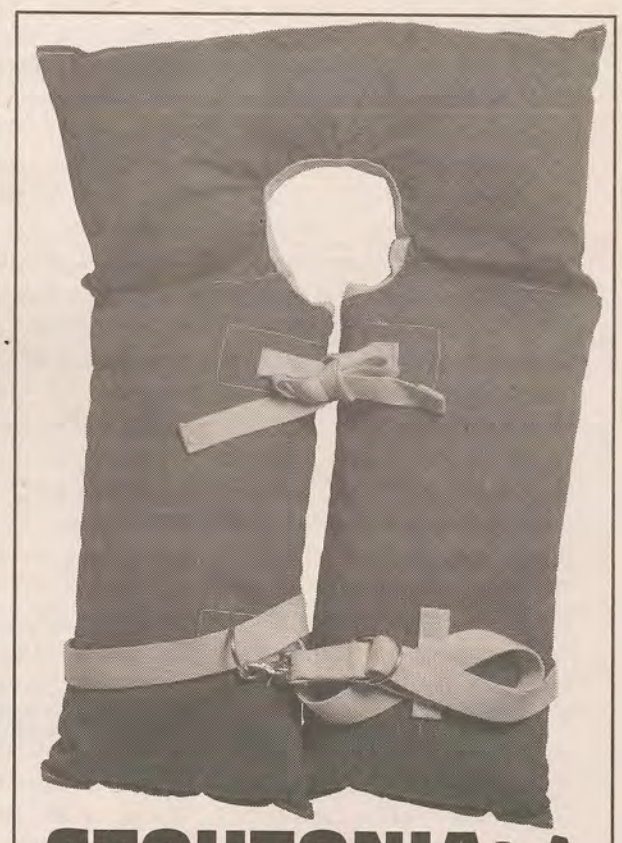




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Defense leads to opening win

Curt Trnka
The Stoutonia

This past weekend the University of Wisconsin-Stout Football team started the season on a winning note. Visiting Jackson, Miss. to face the Millsaps College Majors, the Blue Devils used dogged defense to dominate the game, winning 30-6.

Lead by safety Kevin Dewey, a junior from Burnsville, Wis. the Blue Devils defense took command early in the first quarter, when Dewey recovered a fumble on the Majors' 30-yard line.

The turnover lead to seven points, which was all the offense of the Blue Devils would need for the night.

But Dewey was not done creating opportunities for the offense. After his fumble recovery, he intercepted a pass and forced a fumble. All three turnovers lead to points.

His play earned him Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) and National Player of the Week honors.

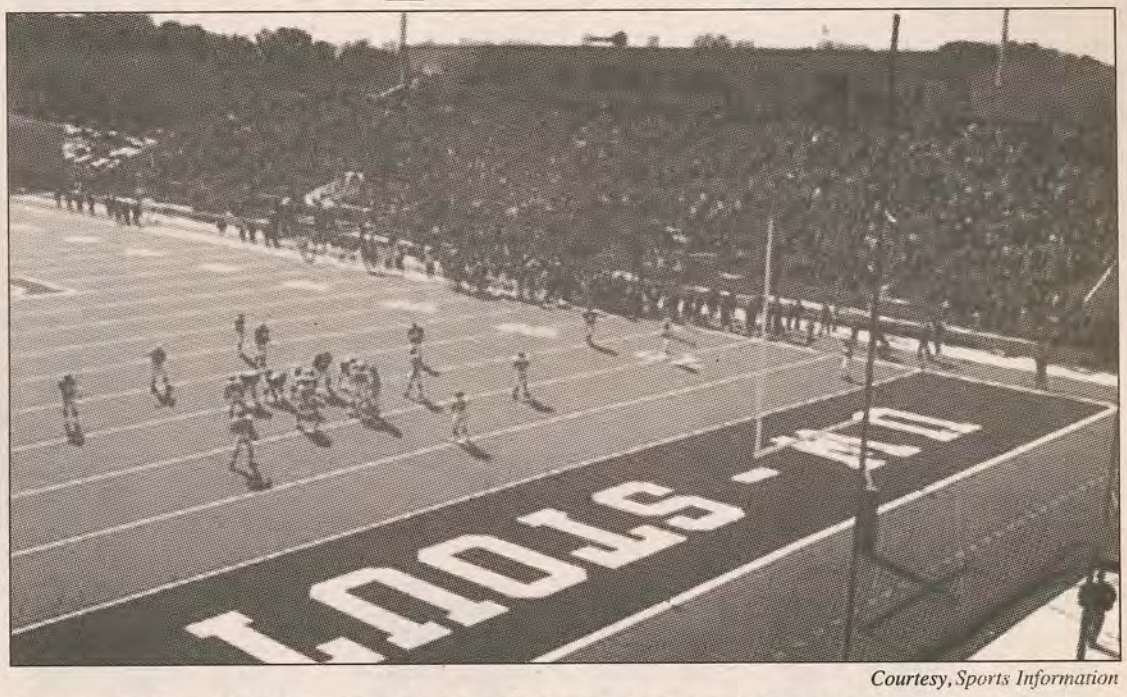
UW-Stout kicker Justin Zymewski, a sophomore from Houston, Minn., connected on all three of his field goal kicks and three point after tries to give him 12 points.

Fullback Matt Schaeuble, a sophomore from Wrightstown, Wis., scored twice, once rushing and once receiving, tying him at 12 points.

Even though he was picked off twice, Blue Devils quarterback Nick Ohman, a sophomore from Glenwood City, Wis. threw for 156 yards and two touchdowns. He was 12-for-24.

UW-Stout's tailbacks combined for 155 yards while the Blue Devil defense allowed the Majors only 38 yards. Luke Bundgaard, a junior from Weyerhaueser, Wis., rushed for 93 yards and Ryan Englebert, a freshman from Sturgeon Bay, Wis., went for 62 yards in his first game as a Blue Devil.

The Blue Devils owned the ball for much of the game; total offense for the Blue Devils was 324 yards. Millsaps was held to 114 total yards, 38 on the ground, and 76 in the air.



Courtesy, Sports Information

Don and Nona Williams Field will be at full capacity this Saturday when the Blue Devils take on the University of Wisconsin-EauClaire Blugolds.

By throwing down five sacks, UW-Stout kept pressure on the Majors all night. Once again, Dewey was involved in the action by getting a sack. Jamie Spielman, a senior from Menomonie, Nate Magestad, a senior from Pengilly, Minn., and Nate Rykal, a sophomore from Chippewa Falls, Wis. all had solo sacks as well. Noah Meyer, a sophomore from Mayville, Wis. and Joe Kersten, a junior from Menasha, Wis. combined for the fifth sack.

On Saturday, Sept. 14, the Blue Devils will be hosting conference rival University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at 7 p.m. at Don and Nona Williams Field. The Stadium seats 4,500 but more fans are expected due to the importance of this early season showdown.

This game will be a huge part of WIAC play this season. It will be the first conference game for both teams; no other WIAC teams start conference play this early.

Both UW-Stout and UW-Eau Claire are nationally ranked teams.

In addition, the Blue Devils are looking for revenge after falling to UW-Eau Claire last year; it is sure to be an intense game.

Stout varsity sports review

Curt Trnka
The Stoutonia

Volleyball

After opening the season with a 10 game winning streak, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Volleyball team suffered its first loss to the hands of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Eagles. The Blue Devils came back to win 3-1, bumping their record to 13-1, which is the best record in school history.

At the beginning of the season, the Blue Devils rolled over opponents. Now the team is ranked 15th nationally in the first American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division III coaches poll. Next up for the Lady Devils is sixth ranked University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, Friday, Sept. 20 in Whitewater.

Soccer

UW-Stout's Soccer team opened conference play with a tie on Friday, Sept. 13 at Nelson Field. The Blue Devils were facing the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks. For the first time this season goalkeeper Melissa Ballweg, a sophomore from Merrimac, Wis., gave up goals.

Earlier in the season Ballweg had a streak of 180 scoreless minutes, and started the season at 2-0. She was also named WIAC defensive soccer player-of-the-week earlier in the season.

The Blue Devils are now 3-1-1 on the season. Soccer's next game is 2:00 p.m. Saturday in Eau Claire, where they will be taking on the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Blugolds.

Cross Country

Two UW-Stout Cross Country runners were named Runner of the Week. The first Runner of the Week, from the women's team, Lacey Osuldsen, a sophomore from Ladysmith, Wis., paced UW-Stout to a first place finish at the 17-team Tom Barry Invitational, Saturday, Sept. 7 in Green Bay.

Second, from the men's team, Justin Graham, a sophomore from Apple Valley, Minn., led UW-Stout to a second place finish at the 17-team Tom Barry Invitational in Green Bay.



Courtesy, Sports Information

Melissa Ballweg, goalkeeper extrodinare.

The 17-team meet was the largest meet a Blue Devil's team has won. This Saturday the Blue Devils will compete in the St. Olaf Invitational.

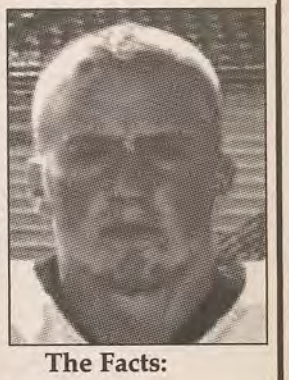
Tennis

UW-Stout's Tennis team has had a rough season-opening home stand. The Blue Devils are 0-9 for the season, but the early losses will build character for the team. They play on Thursday at home.

Stoutonia Athlete of the week

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

Kevin Dewey



The Facts:

-Junior
-Safety (Football)
-Burnsville, Wis.
-Packaging

This week:

Dewey forced a fumble, recovered a fumble, made an interception and had a sack in the Blue Devils season opening win over the Millsaps Majors.

For the season:

- 1 Interception
- 1 Fumble Recovery
- 1 Forced Fumble
- 1 Sack

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Healthy college living

Ann Syrstad
The Stoutonia

With school just beginning and classes getting busier and busier, remember that it is still important to keep your body in shape. It is often hard to live with a hectic schedule while trying to stay fit with such limited time, but it is not impossible.

According to Karen Voight, a health and fitness expert at www.oxygen.com, it is still possible to remain healthy while at college.

Voight believes that going to college, where there is a change in lifestyle, can actually make people healthier, even though they have busier lives.

She claims that it is easiest to do this when you find consistency as well as discipline. With these two factors, maintaining your health should be convenient and easy to keep up with.

Since living situations are somewhat different than they were in high school, it is important to make use of what you have. Although dorms, apartments and college houses are often small, it is still possible to use the small space to your advantage.

"I just use some inexpensive hand weights and a jump rope from Wal-Mart," said Mandi Smith, a sophomore in business administration.

Although exercising is very important to staying healthy, it is not the only factor. Your diet should also be very important to you. With so little time, it is often tempting to forget about eating right.

Kimberly Borchardt, a junior in hotel and tourism, has found living off campus this year to be challenging, especially when deciding what to eat.

"It is often more tempting to eat what is easy, rather than what is healthy," Borchardt said. "I also think that with time, I'll get used to not being able to eat at the Commons and start making better decisions."



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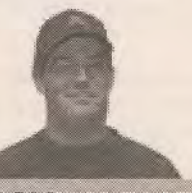
The University Rec Center's new weight room.

According to the New England Journal of Medicine, your daily diet is more important than most people think. A recent article said that college students tend to forget to eat vegetables and eat too much junk food instead. If you eat more tuna and less pasta you are more likely to stay lean.

In general, stay active and balance your intake of calories with your energy output. On the days when you are not able to exercise, be more careful and monitor what you eat so that it does not get out of control.

Good luck with college and remember to keep your health a high priority!

Stout Adventures offers chance to canoe with friends



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

When I was five, I went on a canoe trip with my parents. Unaware that a "giant metal sled" (canoe) could float on water, I was terrified that we would sink. Older and wiser, I now understand that canoes are only dangerous when you stand in them.

With that in mind I have signed up for a Stout Adventures canoe trip.

The trip takes place on Saturday and Sunday Sept. 28 and 29, on the St. Croix River in Wisconsin. Participants will be part of the self-contained trip, all equipment is kept in the rower's canoe.

This allows the trip to be more hands-on. Students will learn varying skills during the weekend. Beginners are encouraged to come along because everyone learns the steps as they go.

Bruce Saxman is in charge of Stout Adventures. He pointed out that it is a chance to use one of the last warm weekends of the year to take a trip with friends.

"All of our trips are geared toward beginners," Saxman said. "You learn how to do everything, even the rapids."

Woah, Rapids?

"Easy rapids. Nothing serious," Saxman said.

Sign up for the trip by contacting Bruce Saxman at 232-5190 or stop by the Stout Adventures desk by the Multi-Purpose Room. Each person has to pay the trip fee of $35, whic covers the canoe camping gear and dinner, and is asked to carpool with friends. Signing up before the 20 is the best way to hold a spot on the trip, but the final cutoff date for registering is the 23.

The trips are scenic with lots of wildlife. On previous trips, groups have seen eagles, fish, deer and of course, cows.

"It's a great way to get away from campus and relax," trip leader Adam Cieslak, a junior majoring in constrution managment said.

"You'll meet a lot of cool new people."

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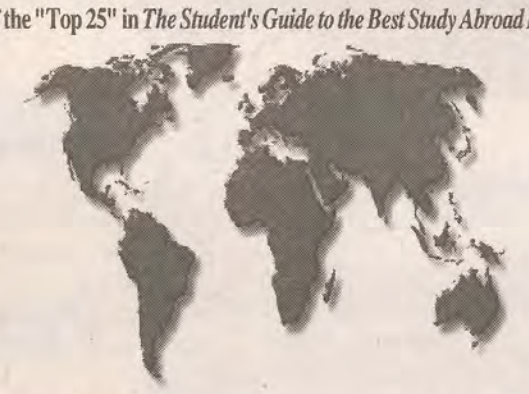
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Frisbee. Ultimate style

Jessica Vergowe
The Stoutonia

If you are looking for a great way to get in shape, meet new people, and have a lot of fun, check out the University of Wisconsin-Stout's co-ed Ultimate Frisbee club.

"Ultimate frisbee is very unique. It combines major sports, such as football, basketball and soccer, while still maintaining its own identity," said Joe Hillary, a freshman industrial design major, and a new member of the team.

While the game is fast paced and involves a lot of running, there is virtually no contact and participants do not need to be athletic. Playing ultimate frisbee is a great way to get in shape and allows an escape from schoolwork. The team is a small, friendly and relaxed community.

A few years ago, a majority of UW-Stout's ultimate frisbee players graduated without doing much recruitment. It has since rebuilt, and become popular.

"I played in high school, and wanted to continue playing at Stout," President T.J. Schwingle, a sophomore, said. "I really hope to get the Ultimate Frisbee club some recognition."

An interesting fact is that some of the recognizable, nationally ranked teams are in UW-Stout's area. Both Madison, Wis. and Winona, Minn. are excellent teams.



"I learned about ultimate frisbee during a trip to Florida when I was a freshman in high school, and ever since then, I've played whenever I could," said team captain Trent Johnson, a junior graphic design major.

This year, the team has about 30 people attending practices regularly. Especially positive is the number of females that are showing interest in the sport.

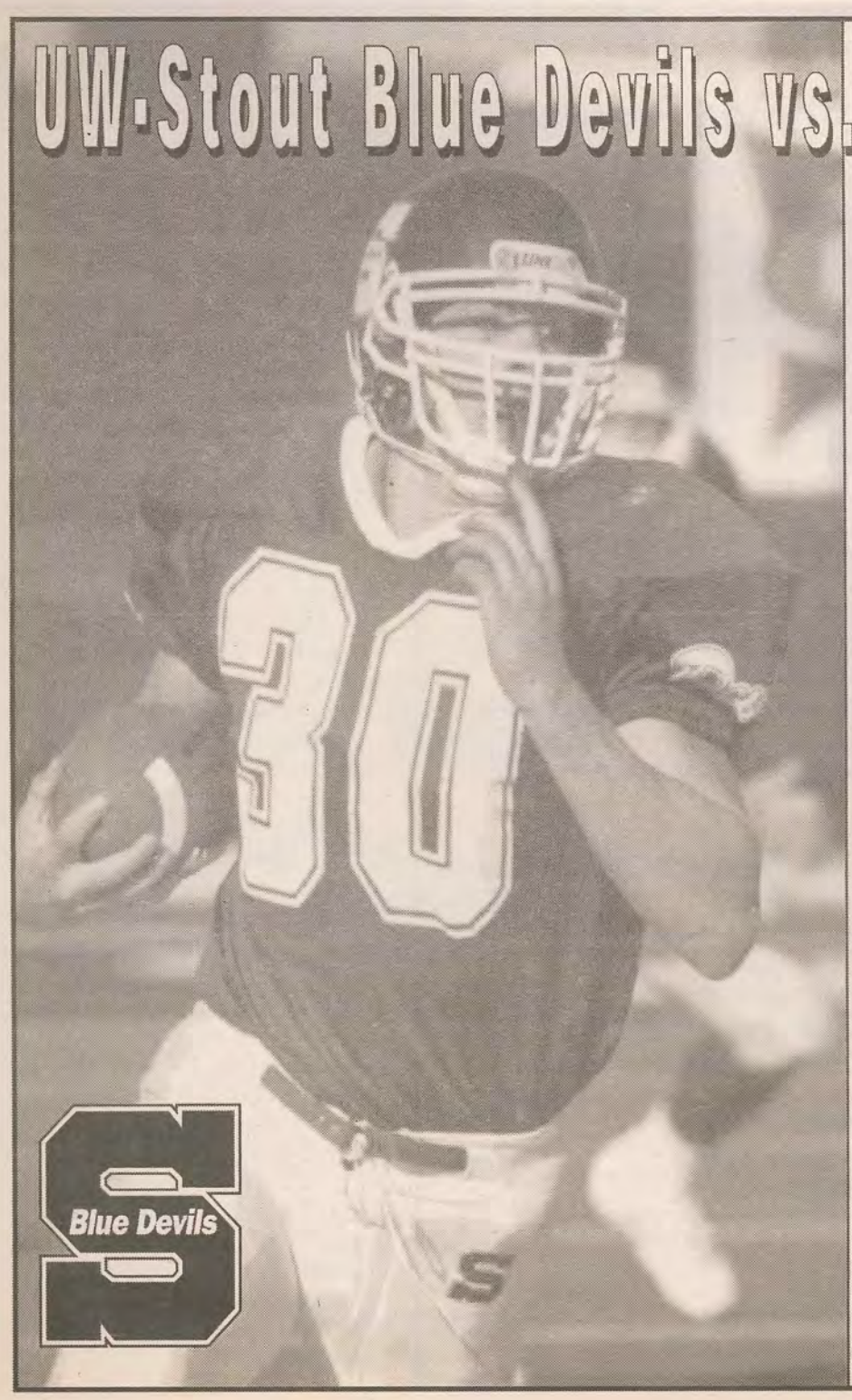
There are some all women tournaments held, and there has been talk of starting up a Women's Ultimate Frisbee team in the near future.

"Everyone is welcome to join," Barry Adler, a junior telecommunications major, and the team's public relations manager said. "We are really encouraging women to become part of the competition."

Every Tuesday and Thursday night from 9:00 to 11:00 p.m., the ultimate frisbee team practices on Nelson Field, next to the outdoor track. The team captains take charge of the practices, which consist of warm-ups - which is throwing for 30 minutes, actual games, and some drills.

If anyone is interested in joining the Ultimate Frisbee team or wants to know more about the sport, check out a practice to talk to a team captain and get information.

By providing the team with some personal information, those interested will be notified of practices, tournaments, and scrimmages.

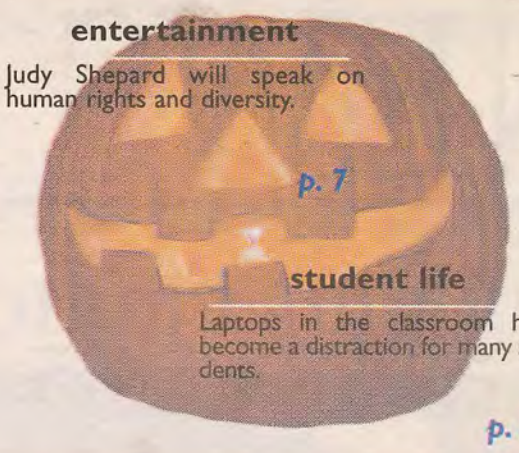


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Two students struck by car

David Zill
The Stoutonia

Two University of Wisconsin-Stout students were injured while crossing the street Sunday morning.

Holly Rogers, a freshman, and Jeff Zahn, her boyfriend, a sixth year student majoring in graphic design, were struck by the vehicle around midnight.

According to Zahn, the two were headed back to his house by the football field. Craig Michels, a construction major driving a 1990 Honda Accord, hit them.

The accident happened on 6th Street and 12th Avenue. According to the police report filed Sept. 24, Michels stated he noticed Rogers and Zahn on the sidewalk and thought they might cross the street.

Michels said that when he looked back at the street, he saw Rogers and Zahn crossing and attempted to stop the vehicle.

"Before I could focus back on the road again I hit something," said Michels. "I didn't know what at first. As soon as I hit the objects I hit my break pedal."

Michels did not return a request for an interview at the time of this article.

In the report, Rogers said that she looked both ways down 6th Street before crossing it with her boyfriend. However, she did not see any vehicle until after the impact.

The report said that Zahn was unable to provide any background information of value, "as he stated he did not know where he was going or coming from."

Michels was not found under the influence or with alcohol. Rogers had been drinking earlier that night but had stopped.

Zahn was intoxicated; he had a blood alcohol level that was higher than could be recorded.

Michels received a citation of $150.00 for inattentive driving. This offense comes after a Jan. 17, 2001 citation for driving too fast for conditions.

Rogers and Zahn received a citation of $113.00 for failure to yield the right-of-way. Zahn has two prior drinking citations.

Rogers and Zahn were taken to Myrtle Worth Hospital in Menomonie for treatment after the accident.

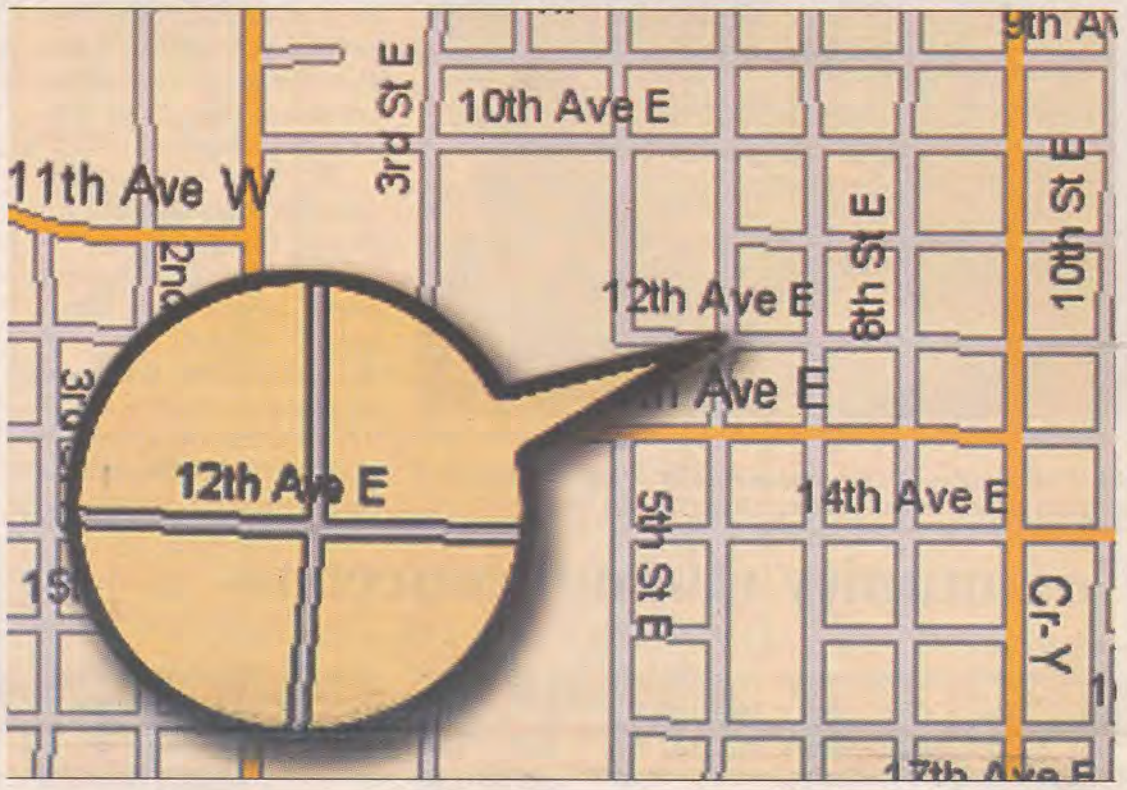


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This map indicates the accident's location, in which two pedestrains were hit by a vehicle at the corner of 6th Street and 12th Avenue.

"I visit [Rogers] every day," said Zahn. "My knee got pretty banged up and my back too. They are going to do an MRI as the swelling goes down."

Rogers was later sent to Luther Midelfort Hospital in Eau Claire.

According to Rogers' roommate Connie Bunce, a freshman in hospitality and tourism management, Rogers sustained a broken pelvis. At this time, doctors have not given the word if she will need surgery.

She said she got the call at 4 a.m. Sunday morning saying that her friend had been in an accident.

"She is like a sister to me; I am an only child so I reacted like I would have if anyone in my family got hurt," said Bunce.

Bunce talked to Rogers, who is still hospitalized.

"She is in good spirits," said Bunce. "She doesn't want to give up school. She wanted to go back Monday."

Citizens concerned about ethanol plans

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia

"It doesn't seem that [an ethanol plant] should even be considered," said Joshua Huffman, a sophomore of apparel design. "If we were looking for an alternative method of energy, we should explore areas with greater benefits. Ethanol just doesn't seem to have much value."

Much of the Menomonie community has recently become concerned about a proposal to build an ethanol plant a few miles north east of the city.

The issue began in November of 2000 when Stonic Energy approached the City Council.

Stonic Energy representatives say that the new ethanol plant would offer thirty jobs to the community, an increased tax base for the city, an increase in business for other firms and businesses, an increase in corn prices for farmers and create less dependence on imported oil.

The company requested that everything be done in secret to protect their options in other locations.

This started a series of closed-sessions meetings for the City Council.

A final closed session between the City Council and Stonic resulted in a developer's agreement and an option to purchase land being signed by the city.

This agreement was announced in the Dunn County News on Jan. 17, 2001, and this was the first time citizens knew anything about the plan.

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> **Joshua Huffman**
> *sophomore, apparel design*

In response, citizens who were appalled by this decision created the Menomonie Area Citizens Concerned About Ethanol (MACCAE).

The MACCAE is concerned about the effects that the ethanol plant will have on the environment, odor problems, efficiency, community health and farming.

This group is comparing the possible Menomonie ethanol plant to one that already exists in St. Paul, Minn.

A member of MACCAE, Bob Scidmore, said that the group has made a notice of claim, which is the first step of a lawsuit.

"We will try to see what problems we can solve out of court,"said Scidmore.

Stonic must get several permits before the building of the plant can begin, and the next is a zoning waver hearing on Sept. 30th at the Fish and Game by Wiconda Park, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

"They are anticipating a large turnout, and are prepared to continue the hearing until the next day," said White. "Students and community members are welcome to come and share information about how they feel about this issue, the impact of the emissions, or just the kind of plant that is coming to Menomonie."

Professor Charles Bomar of the Biology department said, "This issue really represents a community with growing pains, but recognize this is a kind of growth they don't want."

Bomar said "Anyone living near an ethanol plant risks a potential health-hazard, we can learn from St. Paul's ethanol plant. It seems

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Students cautioned about copyright laws



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Rebecca Rondeau was disconnected from the campus Internet after downloading copyrighted material.

Tina Barthold
The Stoutonia

"I would never have done it if I had known it was illegal," said Rebecca Rondeau.

Earlier this month, Rondeau downloaded a movie off the Internet. A few days later, her Internet service was cut off. She later found out that she was on a disconnected list and her Internet service was temporarily shut down.

"I think the college should warn people that it's illegal," said Rondeau.

Rondeau was caught after downloading copyrighted material.

Recently, the University of Wisconsin-Stout's executive director of university relations, John Enger, has been receiving complaints from film companies about students and faculty downloading copyrighted movies.

For every complaint, Enger locates the user and disconnects them. He is then required to send them a warning, fill out papers and counsel the convicted individual.

Enger poses as UW-Stout's agent-of-complaints, and is required by law to send back documents that exhibit correction on the part of the Internet user on first offense.

Once Rondeau signed the counseling papers, she was back online again. On a second offense, the user will be cut off from UW-Stout's Internet services completely.

"I want to make it clear that we are just following the Federal law," said Enger.

On average, UW-Stout receives one or two complaints a year. This month, Enger has received over a dozen complaints from motion picture companies.

The traffic management software for UW-Stout's Internet service had failed. The software usually prevents students from downloading copyrighted material by blocking sites and prioritizing material by information that runs through the network.

The software's failure might be connected to the various web-accessing problems around campus. Currently, the system is running again.

"I'm glad they blocked Kazaa and other file sharing programs for simplification," says Dennis Bulgrin a sophomore in applied math., "because it benefits the college by making the Internet more usable."

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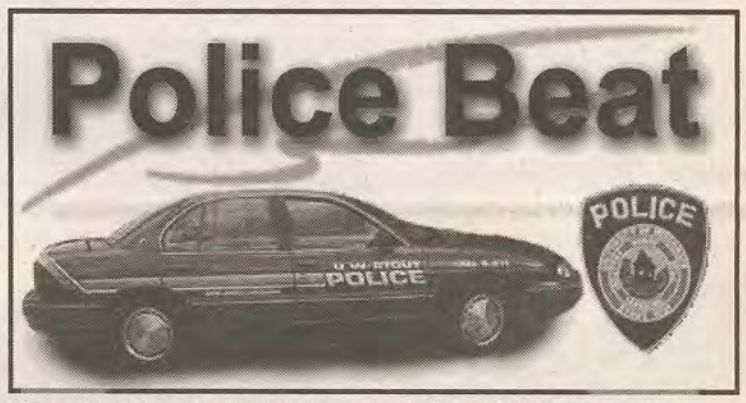
Thermal oxidizer is a component that would be added to the interior of the smoke stack in an attempt to reduce the emission toxicity as well as neutralize unpleasant odors.

"Studies suggest that that it is a net negative in efficiency standards, and actually, it takes more energy to make ethanol than it generates," said Sandra White of Continuing Education and a member of City Council.

"There is a list of community concerns, which include health issues. The community states that they do not want this plant," said Bomar."It is supposed to be a government of the people, by the people and for the people; this is a clear case where the community said no."

White, said, "I do not believe ethanol is the best choice for economic development of Menomonie due to the impact on the quality of life. This business will limit the types of businesses that will come to this area, and we want to promote more clean industry. This plant will only pay 10 to 12 dollars and hour and will offer only 30 jobs. It is not worth the investment from the community."

Scidmore said,"It would be great to see students there [at the zoning meeting]. It is as much their community as mine. They can show their support with sheer numbers."



Compiled by Greta Hittner and the UW-Stout police.

Attemped Break-In
As an officer was patrolling the UW-Stout parking lots on Sept. 19, he noticed noticed three males fleeing from a green Pontiac in lot 18. The officer persued the three males as they ran toward lot 34. Two of the males managed to get away, however, the officer apprehended one of them. It appeared that the males were intending on breaking into the Pontiac, but were caught before they could do so. The male who was apprehended would not give the names of the other two suspects. There was no damage done to the Pontiac.

Window Damage
A Home Economics Building custodian reported to police on Sept. 19 that a window pane on the fourth floor was broken. It appeared that the window was damaged by a golfball size piece of concrete that was most likely tossed from the parking lot outside. There are no known suspects at this time. No one had permission to damage university property.

No Clothes!
A student reported to police that while drying her laundry on Sept 23 someone stole $125 worth of clothing. She left the laundry area while the clothes were drying and when she returned at 4 p.m. she noticed that various articles were missing. Police advised that if she saw anyone wearing the missing articles she should call the police office.

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Separation of Greek and State

Once again, homecoming will soon be upon us. It's time to start thinking about school spirit, football and all the revelry that goes along with it.

Unfortunately, this year there are some pretty serious problems as far as some people are concerned.

As a rule change this year, Homecoming competitions will be broken up into three divisions. These divisions will consist of the Greeks, the residence halls and University of Wisconsin-Stout organizations.

While some feel that this will inspire more people to participate in the events, others, some Greeks especially, feel they are being separated in a ridiculous and unfair manner. The theory here is that since the Greeks tend to dominate Homecoming, not having anyone else compete against them is a good thing.

This seems to be the anti-thesis to what Homecoming is all about. I thought Homecoming was about togetherness, school spirit and good-natured competition between students.

I will be the first to admit that I wish I had the kind of time and effort for Homecoming that the Greek system has. What I don't wish is to have them removed from the playing field and have a tee-ball Homecoming competition.

And I hate to bring up another sore subject, but this entire fiasco seems to be another move by a University that would prefer to alienate a certain group of people, the Greeks.

I have to admit that the Greeks have an excellent reason to be upset at the University.

Students join Greek institutions to be in an atmosphere of camaraderie. I just hope they like the one they chose, because according to the University, that's the only people they can be around.



Stereotypes that run our world



WILLPOWER
William Christenson

Lately I've been thinking about the attitudes and actions of college students. I see many students, on this campus at least, whom I can find no better description for than college kids. They fit, almost perfectly, the stereotypes that society holds about people in college.

For example, people who party a lot, wear Ambercrombie and Fitch or University of Wisconsin-Stout clothing and don't really care about their education may fit this stereotype.

This is just one obvious stereotype; there are many more, but I just wanted to give an example.

I want to know if these stereotypes exist because this is the way most college students really are, or if college students model themselves after the stereotype.

I am inclined to think that the latter is true. Because of the image of college students portrayed by pop culture and the media, students choose to act and look a certain way.

About every movie I see that involves college life not only follows the same plot, but more importantly, portrays college students in the same way. By doing this, young people recieve a one-sided view of college, and tend to follow that view as an example.

For instance, because of the stereotype that college is about drinking, having sex and wasting time, that is exactly what many people do. This offers a very limited college experience.

By following the traditional college path, people are cutting themselves off from the multitudes of possibilities college life has to offer! I strongly believe that stereotypes promoted by the media and pop culture need to be changed.

I don't mean to blame this entirely on media-created stereotypes either; this condition is sustained by many other sources, even the universities.

For instance, when I arrived in my dorm room, I found a few items left by the ever thoughtful administration. One was a bottle of Pepsi Blue, because everyone at UW-Stout loves the taste of horrible artificial blueberry corporate sludge. The second was phone numbers for the local pizza places. Lastly, my favorite, a can-holder inscribed with the Pepsi symbol "The Beverage of Choice at UW-Stout" and some helpful advice: "Please Drink Responsibly-You are important to us!"

It was as if they were saying: hey, we know that in Menomonie people only drink Pepsi by choice, not because it is against UW-Stout policy to put a Coke machine on campus. And, we know that you are going to get drunk, so please try not to get the police called-it makes us look bad."

Most people wouldn't even think twice about these things; it seems like even the UW-Stout Administration believes in the stereotypes about college students. This gives students, especially freshmen, a mental image of what college life is like, which affects their opinions.

But, on the other hand, what if the stereotypes are in place simply because that is how most people act when they are in college?

What if every stupid college movie was written because people just drink a lot when they are away from home and the influences of their parents or peers?

What if people dress the same not because they want to fit in at college, but because most of the people that can afford to go to college, but can't afford Harvard, like to dress the same way?

I think this would be just as important of a revelation as the other side, and would be something to address in society as well. By having a group of people who are almost totally homogeneous, we are promoting an environment where there are not many interesting and different opinions and outlooks on life.

In the same vein, has anyone besides me noticed the lack of ethnic diversity at UW-Stout? Well, that is a topic for a different article.

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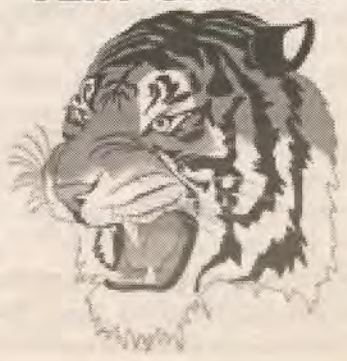
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Letters to the Editor

Greeks vs. UW-Stout

To whom it may concern:

This letter is in response to the article in the Stoutonia regarding the Greeks not being able to help with Freshmen move-in.

I am absolutely disgusted by the way Stout has been acting towards the Greek organizations at Stout. Never have I seen a professional establishment blatantly discriminate against a group of students. My complete disappointment towards Stout grows each and every time I hear these rulings that are brought up against the Greek community at Stout. The Greeks at Stout have a rich history of working with the community, donating their time to local schools, organizing food drives and blood drives, and offering another way for Stout students to participate in the entire experience of attending a University.

I would like to point out I am both a Stout and a Sigma Tau Gamma Alumni from '93. As with many successful alumni, I have felt the desire to donate to both my University and my fraternity since I have graduated. Both of these establishments have helped me be successful with my career, but due to the unfortunate change in Stout's views and how they treat certain groups of students, I am forced to end my financial contributions to the University. From now on I will funnel my contributions to the organization that truly has integrity, Sigma Tau Gamma.

This discrimination of certain students is against everything I would think a university stands for. When I attended Stout we were encouraged to think with an open mind and not past judgment on groups that we did not know or understand. I have heard so much focus on how Greeks are just about drinking. I truly feel that this misrepresentation of these organizations by the University and certain student groups, is only being portrayed because they do not take the time to understand what they really give to the students of Stout. As a successful business man I realize that much of my success stems from what I have learned and practiced from the key principles of my fraternity. These principles are value, learning, leadership, excellence, benefit, and integrity. I think it is time for the University to take a look at what it truly stands for and possibly adopt some or all of these principles.

I also wonder if the students currently at Stout understand the harm that the university officials and certain student groups are instilling on their university. This "cleansing" of certain organizations limits the choices for students who are all individuals and should have choices so they can take in campus life how they see fit. These choices should not be eliminated or discriminated against, so that the students are merely directed on how they should experience college.

I would appreciate you forwarding this to the group that is allowing Stout to lose more and more donations and choices due to their narrow-minded and unprofessional actions and decisions.

Dave Novak
Stout Graduate '93

Please forward my utmost hurt, disgust and anger towards the committee that set forth such a tedious, ridiculous and very unprofessional ruling.

My complete disappointment towards Stout grows with each action such as the one described in the Stoutonia regarding the Greek community. Why wouldn't someone is a Greek organization be allowed to help move in the freshman? How is being Greek any different than being a member of the football team??? Someone needs to re-evaluate these types of decisions. I see this one as very discriminatory and I am very offended.

I would like to point out I am both a Stout and a Delta Zeta Alumni. But, due to the unfortunate change is Stout's views and how they treat certain groups of students, I now only choose to donate to Delta Zeta NOT TO STOUT. Having recent discussions with large networks of other Greeks, this is also what they are doing or plan on doing in the near future. Why would we want to support Stout if they are unwilling to support the very organizations that helped us become very successful today? I owe nothing to Stout for my success today, but only to Delta Zeta and other fellow Greek organizations for instilling true values, building leadership and teamwork skills in me. The classroom did not teach me how to network or build relationships.

Please forward that it has become increasingly annoying to hear that rumors continue that Greek organizations are just all about drinking. This is so old, and so untrue ... it makes me ill to think I spent money at a University that is no narrow minded!!!

I would appreciate you forwarding this the group that is allowing Stout to lose more and more donations due to their narrow-minded and unprofessional actions and decisions. I would anticipate that I am not the only Alumni you will be hearing from.

Christina M. Riley

Dear Greek community;

On a note of correction, there was a problem with our layout in the Sept. 12 edition of *The Stoutonia*. The article regarding Greeks being banned from move in was in no way intended to be run under the "Fake News" banner. We apologize and hope not too may people were confused by this.

Diversity in music

To the editor and all of Stoutonia's writers:
I am writing in response to your Sept. 19th article titled: "Local Bands Bring Musical Diversity". I understand that this article is referring specifically to local bands, but as I read on there was a line that struck me; "There is also a venue for every audience". I just have to say, not true, not true at all. There are many multi-cultural students on this campus and if you notice, most of them don't show up to the majority of these concerts due to the fact that they do not appeal to them. I am a member of the Black Student Union and where we can try to bring people that would appeal to our group, we lack in attendence unless we offer extra credit to students. Furthermore, due to budget cuts, the funds are lacking. If Stout and the Stoutonia want to say that there's "musical diversity", then maybe you should look up the word diversity, and make the necessary attendance multi-cultural.
Shawn Zimmerman

The University prefers efficiency to your privacy



REALITYCHECK
David Zill

When employees pick up pay checks from an employer, it is standard practice that the checks are placed in an envelope for the privacy of employees. This is not the case with University of Wisconsin-Stout work-study employees and their checks.

When I picked up my first work-study check at the Memorial Student Center (MSC), I was surprised that my check came from one pile, and my stub from another. Neither of these items, which contain personal information such as a Social Security Number, rate of pay and the check amount was concealed from the view of student workers at the MSC desk or anyone else who handles checks.

I called the payroll department and questioned why work-study paychecks were not in envelopes. The woman who answered the phone seemed unconcerned with my issues of privacy; she told me work-study pay was public record. Her remedy was to get direct deposit.

Realizing my dissatisfaction, she had me speak with Wayne Argo, the director of human resources. Argo told me his office did not have enough time to stuff all the checks in envelopes. I insisted privacy must be upheld.

In retort, Argo said he would not sort through all the checks to specially put mine in an envelope. His general attitude was, this is the way it is, and there is nothing you can do about it, so deal with it.

Upon calling payroll a second time that day, I was told I could specially retrieve my check from the payroll office on paydays. My point has been missed; the privacy of all students must be respected, not just mine.

Payroll is more concerned with efficiency than the privacy of students. The policy of handling work-study checks must change.

The most important privacy issue at stake is the disclosure of Social Security Numbers, which are found on the checks. This number houses a wealth of information, including tax information, credit history and school and medical records. In light of this, the Social Security Number is something to be kept private.

In fact, in a Federal court case, Ingerman vs. United States (1992) members of Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), argued that the IRS's practice of openly displaying Social Security Numbers on mailings sent to taxpayers was in violation of the Privacy Act of 1974. The IRS discontinued placing the number on the outside of the envelope. One could infer that the UW-Stout payroll department is in violation of the Privacy Act of 1974 by not keeping the Social Security Numbers concealed from other student employees by use of an envelope.

It is common knowledge that one does not carry a social security card in a wallet or purse to ensure the safety of one's privacy. An undisclosed check from payroll is a Social Security Card that is reprinted every pay period for many eyes to see.

In addition, rate of pay and the amount of the check are also privacy issues being disclosed in the absence of an envelope. According to Christine Enger, assistant director of financial aid, work-study earnings are not considered public record. Enger speculated that the reason for this was for privacy and also added that students in work-study do not have contracts and are at will employees, therefore making their wages confidential.

While there is no standard policy given by the UW-System for handling work-study checks, it is the general consensus of other campuses I asked that work-study checks should be put in envelopes.

"I get the checks from Madison and then I put the checks and the check stubs in envelope," said Michelle Menigoz of the University of Wisconsin-Waukesha. Menigoz said she did this for student confidentiality. The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, with enrollment comparable with UW-Stout, also encloses work-study checks in envelopes.

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Laptops becoming distracting?

Are students taking notes on their laptops or are they playing games?

Mary Mittelstadt
The Stoutonia

For those University of Wisconsin-Stout students that are not freshmen, sitting through the daily regimen of classes can be quite a tedious task. However, for many freshmen, it can be something close to a social outing; they use their laptops for activities other than notes. Many freshmen spent time chatting with friends, playing games and surfing the Internet for entertainment purposes during class time. This leads many UW-Stout students and faculty members to question whether the laptops are useful or if they are simply a distraction from learning.

"I talk to friends on AIM a lot; it helps me get through the class periods," Holly Decker, a freshman general business administration major, said.

Of course, the intention of starting the incoming freshmen with laptops was to enhance education and offer a larger array of opportunities, such as quicker and more effective note taking during lectures.

"I like taking notes on my laptop because I can type faster [than I can write]," said Jacob Ruff, a freshman in technology education. "And there are outline bullets, so I can organize it better."

Computer note taking provides an easy way to organize thoughts and information for easy access later in the course.

"Personally, I like taking notes better by computer just because I remember where they are afterwards," Jessica Forsythe, a freshman industrial design major, said.

Despite the opinions of students like Ruff and Forsythe, some professors thought that students should take notes the old-fashioned way and keep their laptops out of the classrooms.

"Our professors tell us when to bring them [laptops], but otherwise we're not supposed to have them," Jason Hollermann, an undecided freshman said. "Some say it's a distraction."

Control can be a large issue for professors trying to implement laptops into their curriculum. While professors cannot see what is on every computer, they must trust the students are listening to the lecture.



by Andrea Nies, The Stoutonia

As laptop use becomes more common on campus, not only students need adapt to the different style of learning, but professors also have to adapt their curriculum.

"It is very difficult when you have no control over what students do [with their laptops]," Sandra Claflin-Chalton, a social science professor, said. "It is harder for those in social science because we are trying to restructure our courses to include laptops."

Yes, laptops have definitely been the source of much debate at UW-Stout this year. All first semester, non-transfer freshmen have them, and will use them as they please. Whether they use their new laptops to take notes and type papers, or to rehash the events of last night's party, grades will be given out just the same.

Worst case scenario: Roommate from hell!

Dorm life can be hard with a roommate you cannot stand

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia

Dorm life can change a student's college experience, and part of dorm life is having a roommate. The majority of students will end up with a roommate they can at least tolerate. Some may become best friends forever, but what if you cannot stand your roommate? Just how bad can a bad roommate get?

"It seemed like every time we would come home from a party last year, my roommate would be in bed with some random guy," said an anonymous source. "Every Wednesday to Saturday, I would have to vacate the room so she could have sex all night. It sucked."

Having a promiscuous roommate can cause problems, but walking in on your roommate doing other private things can be just as horrifying to witness.

"I caught my roommate masturbating a couple times one day," another anonymous student said. "Then he left his dirty Kleenexes all over and I had to pick them up... Don't worry, I put plastic bags on my hands,"

Not all problems with roommates have to do with sex. It's hard to live with someone else, and many problems can occur.

There have been cases where people have actually gotten sick from mold on dirty dishes that their roommate left under the futon. Some roommates fight over the hours they want to study and sleep.

"Me and my roommate got along, but she always kept the window open." says Amanda Meyer, a sophomore in consumer science education. "I would get so sick when it was cold out, but she can't sleep with it closed. I had to move out."

There are many things you can do to try to improve your quality of living with your roommate. The first thing you should do, before you take major action, is simply talk to your roommate. Even in an embarrassing situation, talking things over with your roommate may help ease the tension in your room.

If your roommate does not know you have a problem with something specific, he/she will not attempt to fix it. If talking to your roommate does not solve anything, then go to your resident advisor (RA).

RAs are specifically trained to help students with problems, and know certain tactics in getting along with people. They may be able to refer students to someone for further help.

A second person in the dorms for your service is the hall director. The hall director's purpose is to maintain the hall and be there when a resident needs help. Do not hesitate to ask questions or get help from your hall director.

If problems still occur and there is no way you can live with your current roommate, change rooms; it's a fairly easy process.

You can get all of the necessary forms from your RA or hall director. If you already know of an open room, you're set. If you don't know of an open room, the people at housing and residence life will be happy to help you. They have a list of all the open rooms available on campus.

After you have picked your new room and roommate, you must obtain the signatures of the hall directors, RAs and roommates involved, both currently and in the future.

Every year, housing and residence life puts a three-week hold on room switching. They do this to keep things in order and to make sure students who haven't shown up won't show up. This year the hold was released early.

"We simply didn't need it anymore," says Martin Fritz, assistant director of housing and residence life. "[We] just seemed to be on top of things this semester and got [our] work done earlier than planned."

STUDENT LIFE
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The Fake News

Traffic agent contains Randy Moss

John Madden
The Stoutonia

In a stunning display of individual effort, Minneapolis traffic agent Amy Zaccardi stopped a Randy Moss-led drive. Moss, one of the most explosive wide receivers in the national Football League, was held to only half a block.

"I kept a big-time NFL receiver from running a successful route on me," said Zaccardi. "I feel great!"

Fans said that Zaccardi seemed to be using a zone defense to shut down the lanky receiver as he tried to get past her in his 2002 Lexus. Zaccardi also employed various bump and shove moves to knock Moss off of his route.

"I basically just kept him in check until the rest of the defense could get there to help me out," said Zaccardi. Moss was held to a few short gains until reinforcements from the Minneapolis Police could arrive and permanently shut down the drive.

"I was doing all I could to get her out of my way," said Moss in an interview from his prison cell. "She just wouldn't give up. I think if I had been trying though, I could have easily blown through her coverage and gotten where I needed to be."

Moss, who has had troubles with police in the past, does not consider himself to be unable to deal with the defense that the police bring to the game.

"Hey, if I want to get by, I will," said Moss. " They can't stop me, they can't see me, all they can do is hope to contain me."

Moss' brazen attitude was not visible during the drive, where Zaccardi seemed to have all the determination. Fans even noticed a bit of swagger after Zaccardi shut down the former Rookie of the Year.

"Yeah, I'll admit, I was talking a little trash," said Zaccardi. "But come on, it was Randy Moss. He talks more trash than anyone." Zaccardi was overheard to say, "You ain't goin' no where baby," and, "You can push me all you want, but you ain't makin' this right on red, bitch!"

Moss is expected to be benched for next week's game against Seattle. If he fails to finish another drive, Moss might be traded to another team.

"The hunt for houses begins for UW-Stout."



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

After two years of sneaking people into the dorms and being told to turn music down for quiet hours, I will finally be able to move off campus.

The house hunt is on for University of Wisconsin-Stout students. The search for the perfect house is not the only thing that people have to worry about. You have to determine who you want to live with and find the house with enough rooms and the best rates. Then, you need to find time to tour the houses that you think suit your needs, and make your decision.

I am excited to be looking for my first house, and as much as I love the dorms, I will enjoy having my own room and the ability to cook my own food.

Picking my roommates was not an easy task. I knew I wanted to live with my current roommate, but I didn't know who else. My roommate and I ended up asking the four new friends we had met on our floor.

While I think all of these girls are awesome, it is a little scary to sign a lease with people I barely know. We will be signing a housing contract that will last for a year and that won't even go into effect for another seven months. If any problems arise after the lease signing, many tedious steps go into getting out of it, if that is even possible.

My roommate and I had actually found the perfect house last year when we went to a graduation party, so we got the landlords number. We called and set up a tour time early this semester. The six of us left the house in agreement that we were going to live there next year.

All that is required to sign the lease is the first-months rent. Once we have that, the six of us will be ahead of the game, and the hunt will be over.

My advice to the rest of you searching for a house is to look now before the good houses are taken, but make careful consideration about who you want to live with.

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the charts

Top 10 Albums

1. Dixie Chicks - "Home"
2. Avil Lavigne - "Let Go"
3. Eminem - "The Eminem Show"
4. Nelly - "Nellyville"
5. Toby Keith - "Unleashed"
6. Bruce Springsteen - "The Rising"
7. Norah Jones - "Come Away With Me"
8. Coldplay - "A Rush of Blood to the Head"
9. Clipse - "Lord Willing"
10. James Taylor - "October Road'"

Top 10 Movies

1. "Barbershop"
2. "The Banger Sisters"
3. "My Big Fat Greek Wedding"
4. "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever"
5. "The Four Feathers"
6. "One Hour Photo"
7. "Stealing Harvard"
8. "Swim Fan"
9. n/a
10. n/a

Top 10 TV Shows

1. "Survivor: Thailand"
2. "Emmy Awards"
3. "NFL Monday Night Football"
4. "8 Simple Rules"
5. "Life with Bonnie"
6. "Law and Order"
7. "Big Brother 3"
8. "CSI" - Thursday special
9. "NFL Monday Showcase"
10. "Friends"

Top 10 Books

1. "The Lovely Bones" - Alice Seibold
2. "The Red Rabbit"- Tom Clancy
3. "Standing in the Rainbow" - Fannie Flagg
4. "Morgawr: The Voyage of Jerle Shannara" - Alan Furst
5. "Dark Horse" - Tami Hoag
6. "The Nanny Diaries" - Emma McLaughlin
7. "The Beach House" - James Patterson and Peter de Jonge
8. "The Grave Maurice" - Martha Grimes
9. "Mission Compromised: A Novel" - Oliver North
10. "Celebrate Through Heartsongs" - Mattie JT

according to Entertainment Weekly

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Ann Hoyt
soprano
Sept. 28 - 8:00 p.m.
Mabel Tainter Theater

Judy Shepard
Sept. 30 - 7:30 p.m.
Great Hall

Desdamona
Oct. 3 - 8:00 p.m.
Great Hall

Judy Shepard brings insight

Mother's story tells more than just her son's death

David Zill
The Stoutonia

Somewhere in the loneliness just outside Laramie, Wyo. lies the spiral wood fence where a comatose body resembling a scarecrow was once tied.

Matthew Shepard was a gay student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie. In the late hours of Oct. 6, 1998, he was kidnapped, robbed and beaten by Russell Henderson and Aaron McKinney. His near-lifeless body was found 18 hours later, his face covered with blood, except for the trails made by his tears. On Oct. 12, 1998, Matthew Shepard died.

According to prosecution, Shepard met McKinney and Henderson in a local bar. McKinney and Henderson said they were also gay, and lured Shepard to their truck by offering him a ride home. It was then that they committed the murderous acts.

The two were convicted of murder, aggravated robbery and kidnapping.

Four years after Shepard's death, his mother, Judy Shepard is touring the country to speak as a human-rights activist. Her resume includes testifying before the Senate Judiciary Committee in support of a bill that prosecutes hate crimes. She also has been seen on MTV and the Human Rights Campaign. In addition, she is the founder of the Matthew Shepard Foundation.

On Monday, Sept. 30, J. Shepard will be bringing her message, Legacy of Matthew Shepard, to the University of Wisconsin-Stout in the Great Hall at 7:30 p.m.

"She has a message beyond Matthew's story," said Darrin Wituki, UW-Stout events coordinator. "She is an advocate for human rights. [She] shows how we can make our schools and communities better."

After much romotion in the community and in other schools, Wituki exects a turn out of 400-500 people at the event.

Trista Glover, director of diversity for Stout Student Association (SSA) feels the message J. Shepard will bring is important. "I think it's good to bring diversity education to a campus like ours, because we are small and some of the people here don't get reached by these opportunities."



Courtesy of Blue Devil Productions

Judy Shepard has a powerful message to share that can improve our schools and communities.

The vice president of SSA, Jeremy Dowd, added, "It took a town like Laramie to make us realize [hate crimes] are an important issue we need to confront. Some [students] are ignorant and they don't feel they have a personal investment [in diversity]. A majority are from a rural area, and with that, some may not even know what a homosexual is."

JUDY SHEPARD
What: Legacy of Matthew Shepard
When: Sept. 30, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Great Hall

Events aim to create awareness

Amanda Dobbratz
The Stoutonia

Many women are not fully educated about their gender. Being female consists of far more than the mere opposite of male. Perhaps this is why so many are unaware of the issues surrounding women.

Women's issues include things like eating disorders and body image, workplace equality and general empowerment as a gender. These topics often render a stereotypical prototype, but further education on the subject can create an overall understanding among people of both genders.

There are a couple of events on the horizon that aim to increase awareness on these issues.

The Bridge To Hope is hosting a candlelight vigil to honor survivors of domestic violence. It is being held at the Wilson Park Band Shell at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 8. The event will feature food and music in addition to guest speakers.



Courtesy of Blue Devil Productions

"Flat is Beautiful," a film on the hardship of a young female, combines animation with real life clips.

Blue Devil Productions will present a double feature in the Great Hall on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. The independent films, "Swallow" and "Flat is Beautiful," both tell the hardships of two young females.

"Swallow" tells stories of girlhood anorexia and the humorous and conversely excruciating tales of undiagnosed mental illness.

"Flat is Beautiful" tracks the life of an androgynous eleven-year-old girl using live-action animation.

Yet another event that could help bring greater understanding of women's issues is the performance of the rage poet, Desdamona, in the Heritage Café, on Thursday, Oct. 3 at 8 p.m.

Desdamona is part of the Minneapolis spoken-word collective, The Poet Tree, and is a returning performer at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

"Her work is very moving for both me as a woman personally and, I would say, most feminists out there, even women who wouldn't consider themselves feminists," says Trista Glover, a third year psychology major and Stout Student Association director of diversity.

One of few female technology education majors, senior Belinda Lewis says she is encouraged to see growing awareness of women's issues on campus.

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"Harvard" flunks out



MOVIE REVIEW

Kim Hauschildt

The movie choice of the week was "Stealing Harvard" starring Jason Lee, Tom Green, and Leslie Mann.

John, played by Lee, and Elaine, played by Mann, vowed that once they had $30,000 saved up they would get married and buy a house to start their lives together. When they finally get the money collected and put a down payment on the house, John's trailer-trash sister Patty, played by Megan Mullay of Will and Grace, informs him that her daughter has surprisingly been accepted into Harvard.

John has forgotten his ancient promise to his niece that if she ever got into college, he would pay for it. She tells him that she has it all paid for except a tiny chunk of $29,000. John is now torn between telling his niece or long time girlfriend that he can't pay or coughing up the dough through some other method.

John turns to his friend Duff, played by Green, to help him think of some ideas to get the cash. Duff, being an under-achiever and life-long bad influence, can only think of ideas that involve petty crime. Many times they try and fail.

Their trials and tribulations lead to a funny scene that includes a burglary attempt with an angry homeowner who has a thing for cross dressers. John can only do one thing to get out of talking to the police in this situation. I won't ruin the surprise on this one.

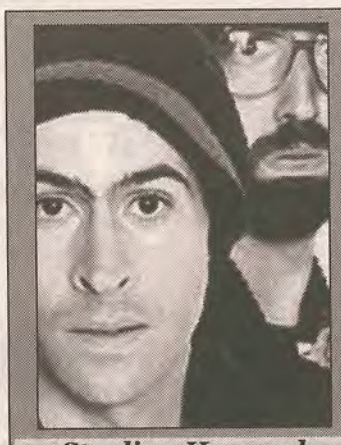
Filled with gags and Tom Green humor, this movie was funny, but in a very stupid way; I felt embarassed for the actors. This is one movie that can wait to be seen when it comes out on video.

Funny, but stupid, are my final words.



Courtesy of Hollywood.com

"Stealing Harvard" is filled with stupid humor from funny actor TomGreen, but don't rush out to see it.



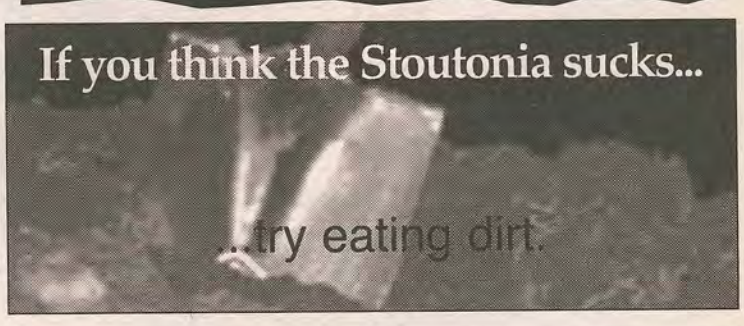
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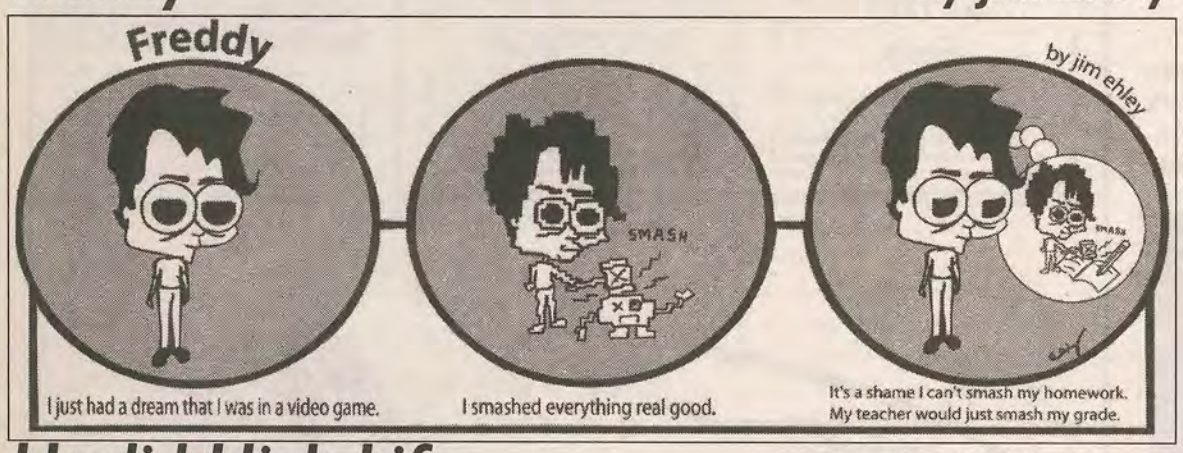
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by Gary Schott



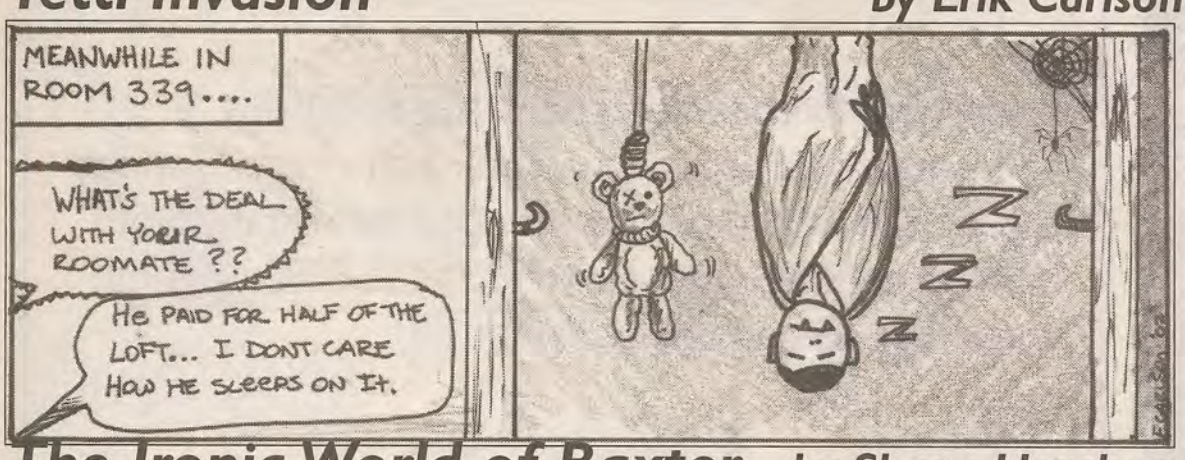
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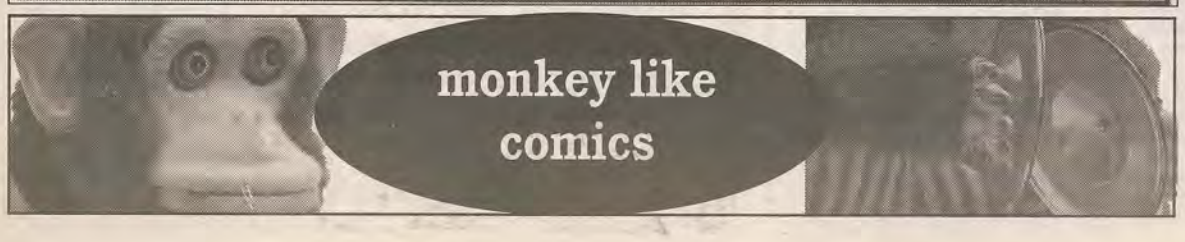


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Blue Devil Sports

Joe Pollock
The Stoutonia

Tennis

After losing close battles to St. Mary's University on Sept. 19 and then to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Sept. 21, the University of Wisconsin-Stout tennis team made its way into the win column on Sunday. They defeated Edgewood College, 6–3, at UW-Stevens Point, bringing their season record to 1-5.

UW-Stout took four singles matches and two doubles matches in the victory. Rachael Weber, a junior from Onalaska, Wis., teamed with Meghan Fieber, a sophomore from Menomonie, for one doubles victory. Tina Rodin, a sophomore from Champlin, Minn., and Amy Boyle, a junior from Racine, Wis., accounted for the Blue Devils other victory in doubles play.

All four women were also victorious in their singles matches.

The Blue Devils will travel to play the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Thursday, Sept. 26 for the next match. UW-Stout's next home game is Friday Oct. 4 at 3:30 p.m. against the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh.

Volleyball

In a clash of the titans, nationally ranked UW-Stout and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater crossed paths on Sept. 20. Unfortunately for the Blue Devils, UW-Whitewater came out on top this time, defeating the Blue Devils in four games.

However, the team bounced back the following day with a victory against UW-Oshkosh in three games, 30-27, 30-20, 36-34. The final game was the longest overtime win for the Blue Devils since the NCAA switched to score keeping with 30 points.

UW-Stout (14-2, 1-1) was ranked 15th in the inaugural American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVAC) poll, but could possibly lose ground since the team lost to sixth-ranked UW-Whitewater. The Blue Devils will be present at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Invitational on Sept. 27.

Soccer

Diane Ehlen was named WIAC soccer player-of-the-week for her role in the Blue Devils' tie with the UW-Eau Claire Blugolds. Ehlen, a junior defender from Bloomington, Minn., headed up a defense that held the Blugolds scoreless for 110 minutes in a 0-0 tie Saturday.

UW-Stout's string of undefeated games ended Tuesday as the Blue Devils lost a 1-0 decision to Augsburg College.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.



Diane Ehlen

The Facts:
Junior
Defense (Soccer)
Bloomington, Minnesota

This week:
Ehlen helped the Blue Devils to a shutout against the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. UW-Stout's defense has allowed only three goals on the season, while the team has scored nine.

For the season:
Ehlen scored her first collegiate goal earlier this season against St. Mary's.

Blue Devils clean up

Curt Trnka
The Stoutonia

After the Ladysmith tornado, a lot of cleaning up needed to be done in the surrounding area. Members of the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's and women's basketball teams went to provide labor. For 13 hours, the team members gave their time to help clean up.

The men's Basketball coach, Ed Andrist, who taught at Mount Senario College for 11 years, organized the service. He was glad that he could help his former community with players and personnel from his current community.

"We always look for service projects," said Andrist. "They teach our players to give back to the community."

The journey to Ladysmith took an hour and a half. The 25 men and women who helped began their trip at 7:30 a.m. on a bus that was donated by Chippewa Trails. Upon arriving their day was filled with activies.

"They had us clean up all of the surrounding fields of debris," said Andrist.

To clear the farmer's fields, the teams walked in a line that was slightly wider than shoulder-to-shoulder looking for debris, and then loaded the pieces onto four-wheelers.



Courtesy, Sports Information

Members of the men's and women's basketball teams went to Ladysmith to help with the clean up.

Cooperation between the two teams has never been a problem, and the trip further proved the teams' camaraderie.

"Our programs get along immensely well," Andrist said.

The students found the experience to be very moving and powerful.

"They felt wonderful," Andrist said. "It's so hard to describe the feeling you have when you know you've done the right thing, and expect nothing in return."

Since the group was working in the country, the Red Cross had a food wagon that came right to the site to feed the workers, who had hearty appetites after working in tough conditions.

"The ground was pretty soaked, and it was tough terrain - very fatiguing," Andrist said.

People noticed the work that the group put into cleaning up around the Ladysmith area.

"It's really nice when you can do community- service events," Blue Devils football coach Ed Meirkort said. "This was a tribute to Coach Andrist's program."

Andrist said, "I take a great deal of pride in having UW-Stout represented in this operation. The fact that we were there helping is what people will talk about for years."

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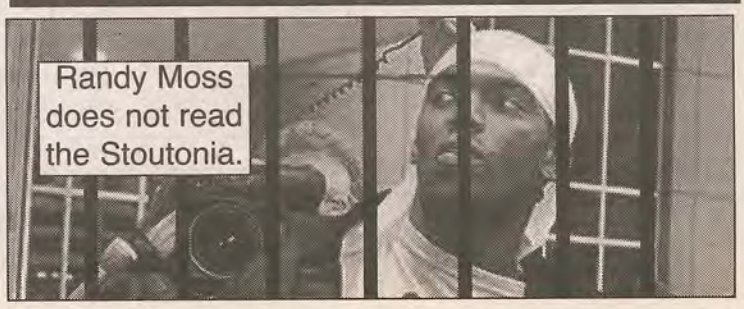
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Football dominates Blugolds

Joe Pollock
Curt Trnka
The Stoutonia

The top spot in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) belongs to the Blue Devils. University of Wisconsin-Stout quarterback Nick Ohman, a sophomore from Glenwood City, Wis., led the Blue Devils to an impressive 39-14 win over 13th ranked University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on Saturday.

Ohman threw for three touchdowns during the first half, and had over 200 yards passing. For his efforts, he was named the WIAC Football player-of-the-week.

UW-Stout dominated in their home opener against the rival Blugolds. The Blue Devils jumped out to an early lead and did not look back.

"We wanted to start fast," Blue Devils head coach, Ed Meierkort, said. "We knew the team with most emotion would win."

The thunderous home crowd helped to inspire and drive the team.

"It was big time," men's basketball head coach, Ed Andrist, said. "You got 6,000 people in the stadium. Then Stout dominated the contest. College players dream of that atmosphere."

With the win, UW-Stout is alone at the top of the conference, at least until another conference game is played.

"We're in first now, and we got two weeks on top," Meierkort said. "I could not ask for a better performance."



Courtesy, Sports Information

Ben Knepper helps the referee make the right call during the Blue Devils, win over the Blugolds.



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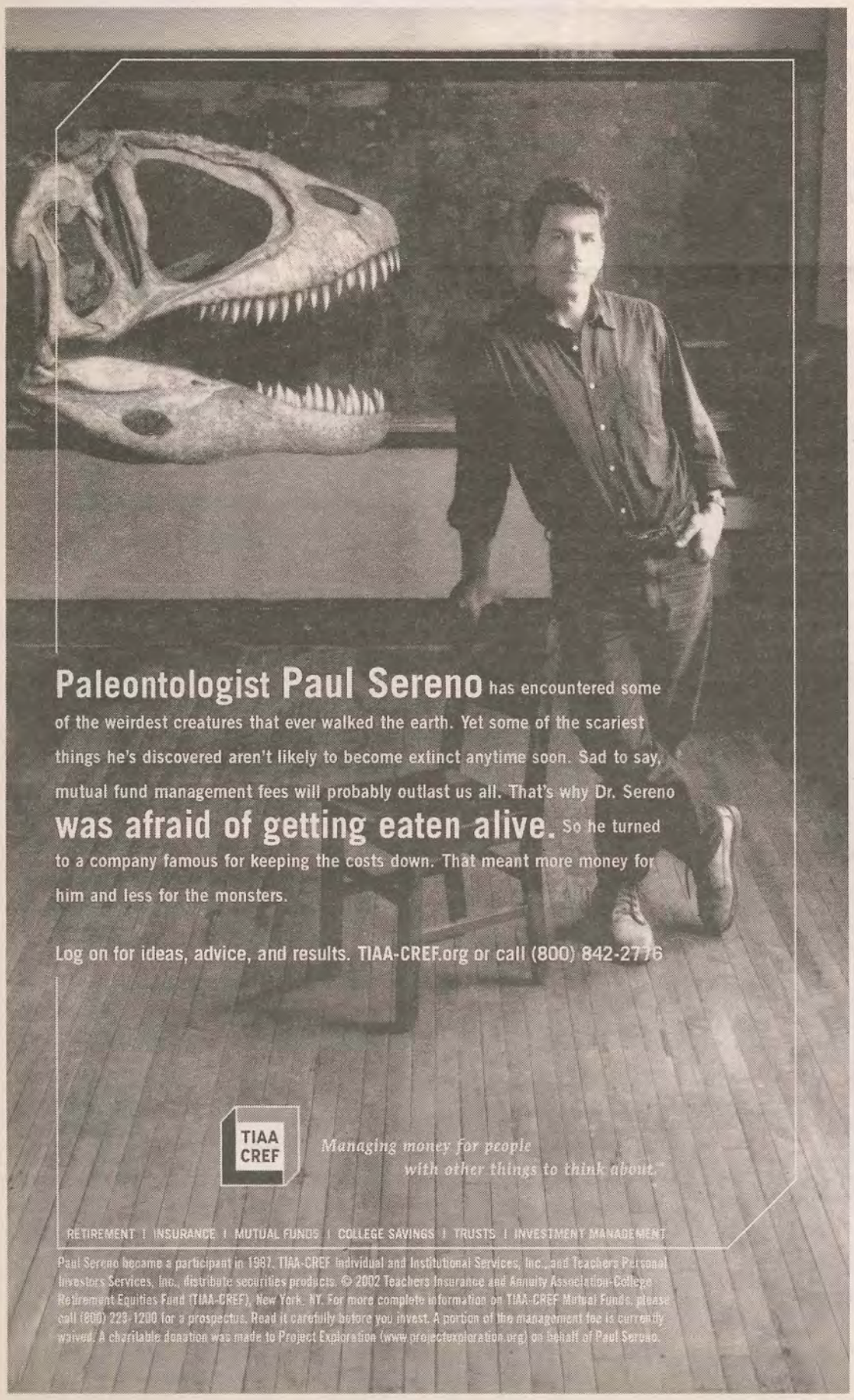
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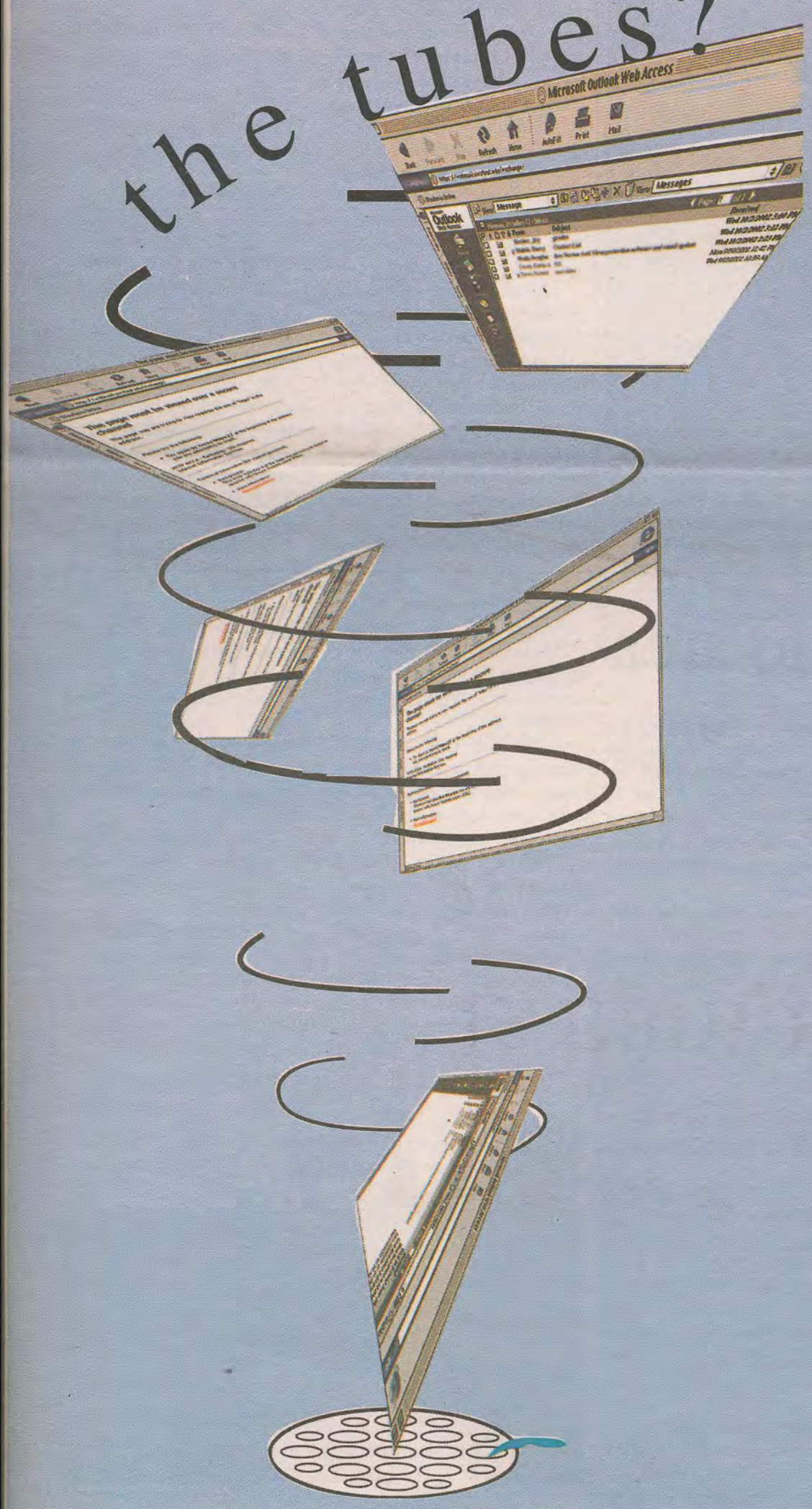


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Tina Barthold
The Stoutonia

"Dear Lord, when can I get my email?" asked Amy Horan, a freshman majoring in apparel design and manufacturing.

Users on the web-based email service at the University of Wisconsin-Stout have been having trouble accessing their email.

"I couldn't get my to my e-mail today at all, and got frustrated with the log in procedures," said Kris Gengler, a junior in marketing education.



"Dear Lord, when can I get my email?"

Amy Horan
freshman, apparel design

Doug Wahl, the associate director of computer services said,"The number of users is intense on the service memory." "There is not enough memory in the web mail portion of the server to facilitate all the users. Last year we had two web servers; this year we have four, and we are still not able to facilitate the demands of the users. The amount of users far exceeded our predictions."

Currently, Wahl and his staff have ordered new memory, which should be arriving and implemented later this week. Apparently, ordering more memory right away is a complex process.

Before Wahl can order more memory, the problem has to be presented and papers have to be filled out according to the UW-Stout and Wisconsin's requirements.

"It all comes down to money," said John Burningham, associate professor of the telecommunications program. "They are not going to waste or use more money than they need with the budget they have. This is one of these things where there is a limited amount of money."

In the mean-time, users should try to avoid using Microsoft Internet Explorer and use other servers such as Outlook 2000, Outlook Express or Udora.

"If people would just close their email when they are done, it would save a lot of extra work that the server doesn't have to deal with," said Burningham.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 63° Low 48° Rain	High 62° Low 32° Few Showers	High 43° Low 43° Scattered Showers

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Domestic abuse month

Debbie Paulson
The Stoutonia

It's October, National Domestic Abuse Awareness Month, and a great time for students and the community to get involved with helping others!

On Oct. 8, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in Wilson Park, there will be a rally for murder victims of domestic abuse.

Registration begins at 5:30 and volunteers are needed to stand-in for victims. Volunteers will recieve name tags and candles will be given to represent one of the 287 victims that were helped in Dunn County last year.

The Bridge, a local domestic abuse help center, will be sponsoring the rally and will also be putting up displays around the park.

"We are hoping to fight domestic abuse locally and globally," said Julie Spence, the director of The Bridge. "We want to show how common domestic abuse is in our local communities."

If individuals are interested in volunteering, arrive a little early to the rally to help set up displays and hand out candles.

Clubs and groups participating will be credited in the local paper. It is a great way for organizations or individuals to get some community service done.

The Bridge also needs volunteers to come before registration and to help out with aiding in the care of dogs from the local animal shelter.

These dogs represent the many animals in abusive homes; and the need to recognize animal abuse in the community.

Following the rally, a barbeque and live music will take place.

"I hope this is something the students would want to support," said Professor Sheri Nero, who teaches a women's studies course that covers women's abuse. "There is a real need in our community for people to get involved."

Domestic Abuse in Dunn County
-selected reported incidents from 1999

Gender	Offender	Victim
Male	84	33
Female	32	83
Age		
	Offender	Victim
18-24	34	32
25-29	13	14
30-34	25	19
Relationship		
Spouse	38	
Ex-Spouse	6	
Cohabitant	44	

New laptops have glitches in memory

Tina Barthold
The Stoutonia

"I don't have a laptop and I'm glad," said Jeff Heins, a sophomore in manufacturing and engineering.

"The computers should have a way better hard drive," said Evan Jacobson, a freshman majoring in telecommunications.

"They should have gone with a better computer altogether," said Kyle Krammer a freshman majoring in technology Education.

There seems to be a glitch in every student's laptop on campus. Apparently, when the University of Wisconsin-Stout ordered the laptops from Apple and Compaq, officials chose the minimum amount of memory possible to operate Microsoft Windows properly.

"The 128 MB meets system requirements but it is inadequate," said professor Marty Ondrus. "I believe that the graphic art students that are issued these laptops are being disserviced by the university."

> "So why don't they put some extra money in the computers they give the students."
>
> **David Zarling**
> *junior, graphic communications management*

If your computer is sluggish, freezes and shuts down periodically, this could be your problem. Ondrus recommends 256 MB as adequate space for a computer to function com-

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New grocery stores to area



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

The new German based grocery store named Aldi's is preparing for its grand opening.

Aleisha Brouwer
The Stoutonia

The prospect of change is given to grocery shoppers city-wide, especially now, as Menomonie prepares the way for two new buildings.

The Marketplace has just begun construction on its new land, while Aldi's works to finalize its brand-new building, located next to Sears on Hills Court.

Set to open on Nov. 7, Aldi's will bring over 15,000 square feet of unique shopping space to the Menomonie Community.

To shop here though, you must bring your own bags, and make a 25 cent deposit for your shopping cart, but the money is refunded when the cart is returned. A can of Ragu won't be found on a fancy shelf either. Instead, privately labeled items are in big cases.

"You'll only find one brand of ketchup," said Marcia Sperber of Aldi Incorporated. "This way we can pass on the savings of 30 to 40 percent to our customers."

Based in Germany, Aldi stores are comprised of a limited assortment, only carrying about 700 of the most popular items.

With discounted prices, Aldi's brings a new method of shopping to residents.

"My roommate is very excited about Aldi's because they're cheap," said Bob Burgraff, a senior in marketing education, and lifelong resident of Menomonie. "I am excited because I've never been there."

When visiting an Aldi store, employees won't be found walking around trying to meet the customer needs.

"The store phone number isn't even listed in the phonebook," said Sperber. "This is so that people won't be calling asking for a certain item in stock. We're not service oriented."

The company also features special purchases every week. Sometimes the store will offer clothes, shoes and even laptop computers.

While Aldi's brings something new to consumers, the Marketplace prepares for relocation. Currently found on Oak Avenue, the business will be taking over the land formerly occupied by the Bolo.

Construction has just begun. With the Bolo tore down, the building process can begin.

According to Steve Fenn, store manager of Marketplace Foods in Menomonie, the buildingwill hopefully open in September 2003.

"This location will have more variety, a bigger selection, and more parking," Fenn stated.

Customers will be able to enjoy the familiarity of the established store, but there will more space, and a newly-designed layout.



by Jay Fish The Stoutonia

This site is the previous location of the Bolo Inn, soon to be replaced by Market Place Foods.

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Campus sexual assault policy update

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

In November of 2000, *The Stoutonia* reported about a rise in student concerns regarding incidents of sexual assault on campus. At that time, there had been three reports of sexual assault in or around North Hall, all reported by female residents living on the same floor.

The close proximity of these cases caused students to start petitions asking for more security around the residence halls.

If statistically analyzing the University of Wisconsin-Stout's campus in safety improvements, it seems that not much has changed.

"In the calendar year of 2000, we had three sexual assaults reported," said Lisa Walter, head of university police. "In 2001, we had seven sexual assaultsreported."

These statistics do not necessarily imply an increase in the number of perpetrators on the UW-Stout campus, rather the amount of cases actually being reported to the authorities.

"We are finally getting to the point where victims are feeling comfortable notifying police and medical personnel," said Walter. "They have confidence in our abilities to help them and investigate their case."

Several programs are building this confidence on campus, such as the Fresh Success program for incoming freshman living in HKMC and Fleming residence halls.

Increasingly, sexual assault is becoming an open topic of discussion, thanks to programs like that of Fresh Success and the number of groups willing to offer support, from legal and emotional to medical.

"We're doing a better job of talking about it," said John Achter, director of university counseling.

It is important to report sexual assault as soon as possible, even if the victim doesn't want to immediately press charges.

"The type of response and degree of what can be done will be dictated by the students' actions and how soon she or he seeks help," said Ann Marie Hoffman, staff development coordinator for UW-Stout housing and residence life.

Housing and residence life has their own security policies in place. Residence halls are closed from midnight to 7 a.m. each morning. Entrances and hallways are patrolled by night security workers who check for identification.

"The halls are very safe," said Anne Ramage, associate director of housing and residence life.

She also encouraged residents to lock their doors at night and whenever they are not in their room.

To follow up on a concern raised in the November 2000 article, UW-Stout does not plan to install a blue pole system.

At campuses like the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, these poles are equipped with emergency alarms that can alert the campus police when someone is in trouble. While they may be a deterrent for someone to commit a sexual offense, their effectiveness as a safety device is still unproven.

According to Lisa Walter, an interest in installing such a system at UW-Stout would have to be initiated by the students. While money is not the number one reason, the system and installation would be a large investment, especially when so many students now carry cellular phones.

University Police is currently looking into a campus-wide card access system. This would mean that campus identification cards would double as keys to get into buildings, residence halls, and student rooms. This plan is still in the proposal stages.

"Each residence hall is only as safe as the residents will allow it to be," said Hoffman. "Residents who sign in people they don't know or who do not report suspicious strangers jeopardize everyones safety."

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The Bridge to Hope-Crisis Service	235-9074 1-800-924-9918
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Police, Menomonie	232-1283
National Resources	
Rape, Abuse, & Incest Hotline	1-800-656-4673

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fortably.

"Students have to work harder than the minimum to get A's," said David Zarling, a junior, majoring in graphic communications management. "So why don't they put some extra memory in the computers they give the students?"

If your computer is stuck and you need help, UW-Stout provides a phone service called Ask 5000, but students are having trouble getting help; the services are only open during certain business hours.

"The technicians leave after 4:00 p.m!" said Jacobson. "I think the university should provide around-the-clock help service for computer problems. The best way to get assistance, though, is to take your computer to the help desk, and then you get faster and better service."

Despite shortcomings, Ondrus feels good about UW-Stout's decision.

"I believe the university has prepared well for this." said Ondrus, "There will be problems with any new system. I could have seen this turning out much worse than it did. The thing that saved the chemistry department was the dedicated student employees. We really appreciate them."

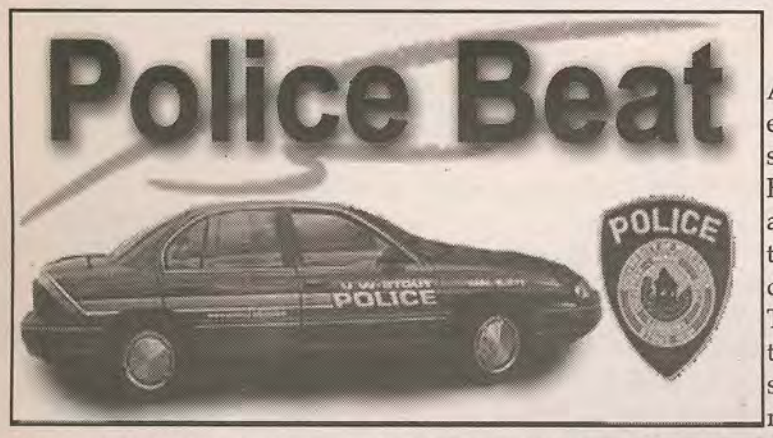
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Theft from athletic locker

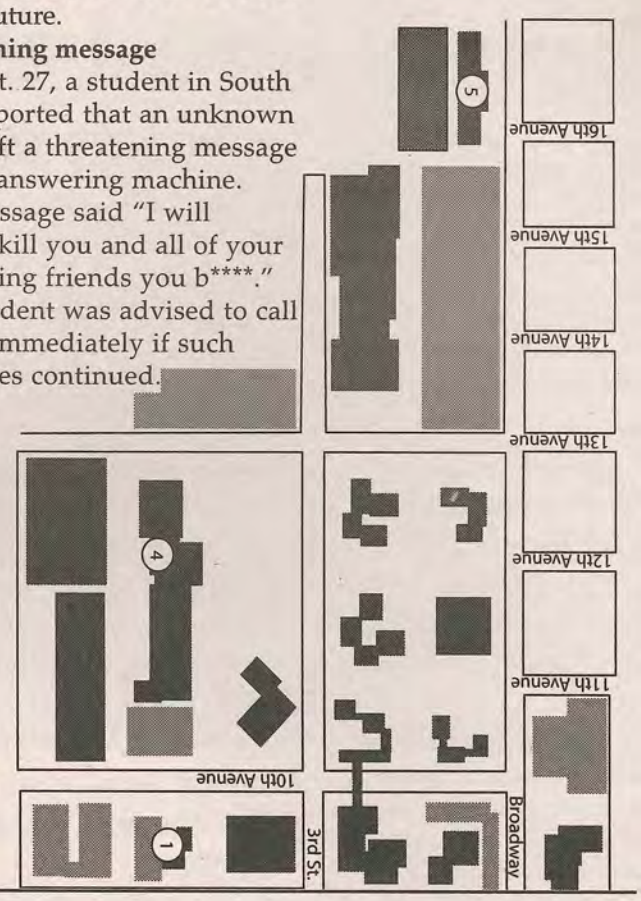
A University of Wisconsin-Stout football player reported to police on Sept. 17 that several items were removed from his locker in the football team locker room while he was at practice. It is customary for the locker room to be secure during practice, thus most players leave their individual lockers unlocked. The athlete suspected participants of a volleyball tournament of taking his belongings as a tournament was scheduled for that day and the locker room would have been left open for them. Staff of the building said there was no tournament on that date and that the locker room was secured as usual. There are no suspects. The value of the stolen items is $650.

Innappropriate gestures

A driver for Trac Inc. reported to police on Sept. 24 that a student outside of Wigen Hall had grabbed his crotch area and made gestures towards him twice as he drove by the front of the hall. The driver called the police to make a complaint after the second incident. The police met with the student and when questioning the student's actions, the student replied that he didn't mean anything by the gesturing, and that he had strained his groin earlier playing touch football. The student said he was massaging the painful area. Police advised him to find a more appropriate place to do so if that was in fact what he was doing. The student was warned that he would be arrested for disorderly conduct if complaints of the same nature were received in the future.

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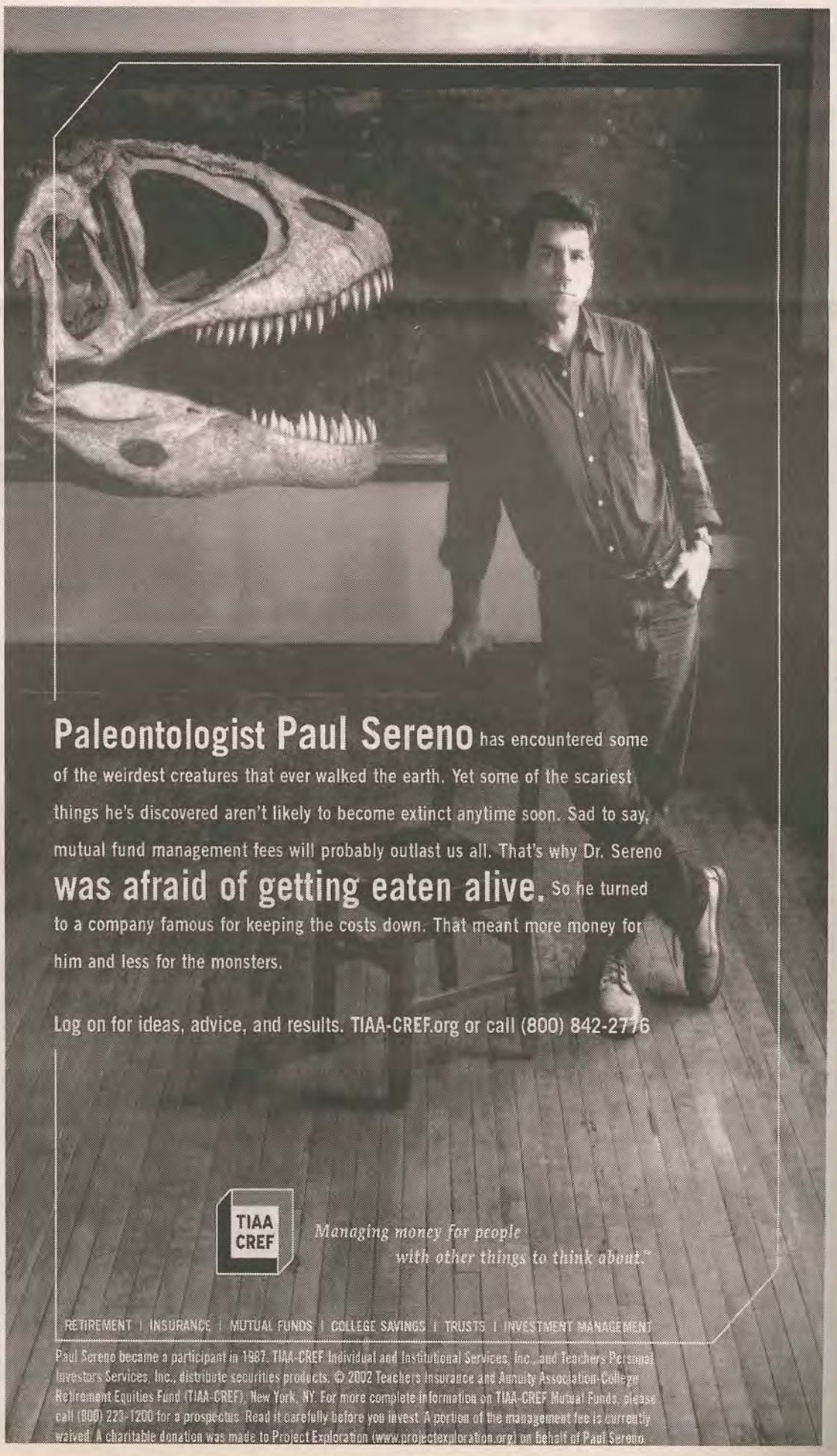
On Sept. 27, a student in South Hall reported that an unknown male left a threatening message on her answering machine. The message said "I will f***ing kill you and all of your fish eating friends you b****." The student was advised to call police immediately if such messages continued.



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I hear there's football on Homecoming

I think by now we are all very aware that there is some serious discord at The University of Wisconsin-Stout.

It seems that I lit a powder keg last week when I pointed out that Homecoming was to be different this year. I don't like it; others do, and others don't.

There is also a lot of grumbling about issues concerning the Greek members of this campus. These issues were related, but uniting them in the same editorial has clouded the original issue.

When I set out to write last week's editorial, I was more concerned with pointing out that messing with Homecoming and people being upset was wrecking the classic mood of the week.

So in an effort to clear the air, I would like to say that we are officially uninvesting any interest we have in the debacle that has become Homecoming.

I would like it if the issue was completely dropped. I know that isn't going to happen, but I would at least like us to focus back on what Homecoming is supposed to be about: school spirit.

I realize that this whole thing is partly our fault, and that the issue was given a huge shot in the arm by last week's editorial.

That doesn't change how we feel about the situation or what was said in last week's editorial. It just means that I am already sick of the issue, and would like to move on.



I also realize that in this very same issue, there is another opinions piece that mentions it. That will be the last word; promise.

On a final note, if we are all able to move past this, we will have one hell of a football team to watch. We will all be able to get behind our team and our school, and Homecoming will go back to normal.

My life once "the game" was finally over



FAR FROM HOME
Nick Coenen

I think we can all remember the exhilaration that comes with finding a significant other. From daily scouting missions and finding the courage to make the first move to finally facing the music of acceptance or rejection, the game is truly one of the finer things in life.

I can still remember what it was like to see the same girl day after day in a class and wonder, what if? Unfortunately, and not surprising to me, a goofy looking kid like myself didn't have much more to life than wondering. But still, the sun seemed to shine, even on me once in a while.

I am thankful I never really got involved in the whole one-night stand world though. That can hardly be something healthy to get mixed up in. I always hear that so many guys are afraid of commitment, but I have never minded it. It meant there was a constant in my life for once, which was always a welcome sight.

This summer I officially became a full-time spectator in the dating game. In what many of my friends back home consider a long wait for the inevitable, I proposed to my girlfriend of two years. I officially retired my jersey from the game.

The first thing most people say when I tell them I am engaged is, "You realize you are only 21, right?" To set this straight, yes, I do realize I am 21. I have been this age for a solid six months now, and my memory is still decent, even in my old age. I may be young, but that just means I have more time to enjoy.

I can't help but feel a little old though. When I see those around me still doing their best to find the next love of their weekend, I wonder sometimes if I missed out on something. Did I call it quits too soon? Maybe I still had a couple good years left in my career? What if one of those what ifs was really the woman of my dreams?

At this point, I know that is impossible. I know in my heart that who I have in my life is the best thing I could ever have. Despite the distance that this relationship has always battled against, I know that Jamie is the one that I was meant to be with and I have no doubts that God has great plans for each of us individually and as a team. I guess it's that confidence that keeps me from losing sleep at night.

I'm all for emotion and stuff, but we all need to settle down



TEST PATTERN
Matt Tracy, Esq.

So, unpleasentries and bickering aside, I am looking forward to Homecoming. Don't worry, this article will not be about the criticism we received about the editorial.

I just want us all to get along again, so this is my plea to do so. That will be my focus, however. I want to know why we have so much bickering and whining when it comes to so many issues on this campus.

Is it because there is poor communication? Is it because some people just like to bitch? Is it because there is always a reason to bicker?

These reasons have something to do with it, but they aren't the whole picture. The main reason that we don't always get along is because people don't always get along; apparently I need to state the obvious. We disagree. It just seems that if some of us weren't zealots when it comes to our opinions, we would all have a lot less stress in our lives.

Take the recent unpleasantness with the Greeks and move-in day. I'll agree; I don't think what happened was fair, but that's been said. It was a little insane that people were flying off the handle instead of doing something about the situation at hand.

Look at the facts. One,

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Letters to the Editor

Paycheck Privacy

To David Zill and All those concerned:

This is in response to your Sept. 26th article: "The University prefers efficiency to your privacy." I fully understand the point and the concern being expressed about the social security number. However, I want to ensure you and the rest of the campus that your identity is safe while this information is under our control.

My boss and I make sure that we hire the most reliable and respectful students to make up our ticket and desk staff. All I want to do is reassure all the students on campus who pick up a paycheck, that when they do, we don't have time or the desire to remember the amount of a check let alone the nine-digit social security number.

If you, David, or anyone else want to petition this system, great because it would make my job easier. But until the process is changed, you don't have to worry about the security of your personal information found on the checks.

Lauren Seebert
University Ticket Student Manager

I would like to say David Zill did a wonderful job on his article "The University prefers efficiency to your privacy." I would also like to thank David for taking the time to stop in the Stout Student Association office to talk to me about this issue. Because of his active concern I took it upon myself to research this privacy issue and I also found it lacking sufficient security. I found his facts about the Privacy Act of 1974 and the federal court case, Ingerman vs. United States refreshing and accurate. After talking to David I found that he was truly concerned for Stout students and I find that very inspirational. Thank you David for having not only taking the energy to write such an article but doing something about this issue.

Thank you,
Charr La Fond
Director of Landlord, tenant and City Affairs

Dear readers;

Ms. La Fond's letter also includes the text to a resolution that the Stout Student Association recently passed concerning this issue.

Unfortunately it was over our standard word limit for letters submissions. We at *The Stoutonia* are happy that steps are being taken to resolve an issue that is important to so many people. Thank you.

Fake News Needs To Go

To the editors and contributors of the Stoutonia Newspaper:

I am writing in response to my dismay in the ability to find quality news to report in the Stoutonia. The articles that are published are very informative and no doubt appreciated by many students; but "The Fake News" section of the Stoutonia is a waste. Why are we paying for news that is nonexistent and thus irrelevant to us? It seems this section of the newspaper causes more misunderstanding then need be; people may not be read "The Fake News" headline and thus have misconceptions. This campus is an eventful place and no doubt there is many other news worthy items that could be reported in the Stoutonia. I appreciate people's ability to make up a wonderful story out of peer imagination; but please save your thoughts and impressive vocabulary for English class. There is a very talented team of reporters that contribute to the Stoutonia, so keep them busy in finding the news that people want to hear about.

Jackie Isenberg
Junior, H&T

***The Stoutonia* Rocks**

Dear Stoutonia staff,

Judging by your editorials, you people don't receive enough praise. That's ridiculous. Week after week I am amazed by the effort of the staff. It takes talent to find intriguing issues in any sort of area. It takes a lot of talent to find intriguing issues in a relatively small town like Menomonie. I hope you'll all be able to accept my compliments.

Stoutonia rocks.

Joshua Huffman

Greek Issues

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in addition to the letters wrote in last week's Stoutonia. Those letters wrote about injustice given to the Greeks at the hands of the administration of Stout. I am writing this letter as a concerned student and as a member of the Chi Lambda Fraternity. My question is simple, why is Stout trying to seclude Greek organizations at this university? As a whole, the Greek system at Stout has put in mote time and charity work for numerous causes around the university and the Menomonie areas. We have put a combined 10,000 hours of charity work in last year alone. We are not like other organizations at Stout for numerous reasons. One we don't receive any funding from the university at all. You look in the yearly budget that Stout releases and you will not see one dime going to the Greek system whatsoever. Secondly, we are organizations that are rooted in history; the Chi Lambda chapter has been at Stout since 1956. The Phi Omega Beta's have been at Stout since 1927. Third, the only reason we pay dues is to have support and to be part of something bigger than ourselves. With our dues, we pay for a weekend long retreat of brotherhood and friendship. Finally and perhaps the greatest reason of all, is the being Greek really does make you feel part of something, and gets you involved. I have grown more, learned more and have better friends in three years of Chi Lambda than three years of being at Stout could have ever offered. We may have paid for friends, but we got one hell of a deal.

Patrick "Finch" Smith
Member-Chi Lambda Fraternity
Former President of Inter-Fraternity Council

Ethanol Plant Concerns

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank Rachel for writing the article on "Ethanol" in last week's Stoutonia. It isn't very often that an article is in our paper that a.) Is an important local issue, b.) Effects Stout students and, c.) Tells us a way to get in and help the problem. I hope that students at our school here recognize that they have a voice and that the things we do now will stay with this town for many years. The parking lot behind Applied Arts, for instance, took out some nice green space and a path that some of us remember that is now gone for anyone who comes next. The freshmen this year have no idea that there used to be an awesome path there that got you to 6th street and to whatever party they were going to even faster.

Sometimes in this little town we forget that we need to help to run it. Students are a major population in Menomonie, but the decisions made by city council (ie off-campus housing in slum-like conditions because of building codes and other things), and our school (ie putting up ugly plastic signs on the buildings, raising parking costs and meter costs to fund idiot things like the Don and Nona Williams stadium **[aprox. Cost donated by parking services and YOUR parking tickets: $1,242,100]**). We paid for all this here, ladies and gentleman, if you don't like something you see you have a right to ask for change.

Please do something if you feel like you can. Call someone, tell your friends, discuss your rights.

Sincerely,

Belinda Lewis

Dear Sir,

I am writing in response to your September 26th article on the ethanol plant. As we all know Menomonie smells like poop much of the time already. In fact my friends and I often times play the game what's that smell. Is it the lake, the sewage treatment, the Swiss Miss factory, various manures that farmers use, or is it CKTO? In regard I feel that we need an ethanol plant if for no other reason then to spice up the game a little. Perhaps we should also consider adding a rendering plant. There is nothing quite like the smell of pork being processed. Thank you for your time.

Yours truly,
James Walsh

Emotion /Reacting without thinking is not helping anything

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people got upset, understandably. Two, angry letters were written by Greek alumni and current members. Three, some Greek alumni began saying that they were not going to support the university anymore and others said that they owed nothing to the university. Four, nothing changed; they still got screwed. The end.

Now, if people had sat down and logically thought about the situation, they might have come up with a solution that would make everyone happy. But as it stands, each side is so offended with each other that nothing will ever get done.

I see this every day. People in this university and this society would much rather run with their first knee-jerk reaction than stop and think about all that is involved. The examples are out there.

Look at the current situation with the NFL vs. Johnnie Cochran. He is arguing that there are not enough non-white head coaches in the NFL. Now, I'm sure Cochran thought this one out, but he is still just acting without really thinking about what he's doing or what he's saying.

He has a point, that there is a serious white-wash at the top of a lot of NFL teams. But what he proposes is offering extra draft picks and special considerations for teams with non-white head coaches. Now to me, that really undermines the idea of football, fair play and the love of the game.

It is also not always about something negative. People freak out about new things as well. You can't tell me there is a logical reason that Avril Lavigne is popular right now. The reason we even know of her is because people jump on the next best thing before they even know if it's good.

So what is the solution? Should we all live like emotionless robots and not react to things with our feelings? I don't think that would be very fun.

We all need to be a little more level-headed when it comes to the things we do and say. There is a maxim that your first reaction is usually the correct one. Yet, if this were so true, then why do we have instant replay, erasers, apologies and regret.

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The environment needs us



WILLPOWER
William Christenson

Something that bothers me about many students and staff members here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout is the complete lack of respect for the environment. During my time here, I have seen how students consistently waste water and electricity fail to recycle and in general have a lack of knowledge about environmental issues.

First of all, recycling is something that should not even be an issue, yet I find that people are just completely pathetic about it. For example, just outside the Terrace, there are recycle bins, yet almost all of the trash goes straight into the garbage cans; much of it could be recycled just 10 or 20 feet away. I find it hard to believe that people can't manage to put even that much effort into such an important task.

Furthermore, many classes produce large amounts of waste paper from hand-outs and other information. Fliers and even this newspaper all go to waste.

In the dorms and I'm sure off campus, students continually waste huge amounts of water and electricity by leaving faucets running or dripping and leaving lights on even when no one is around. This problem extends to the rest of campus, as lights are constantly left on in almost every building and room. Televisions and radios are also left blaring when no-one is around.

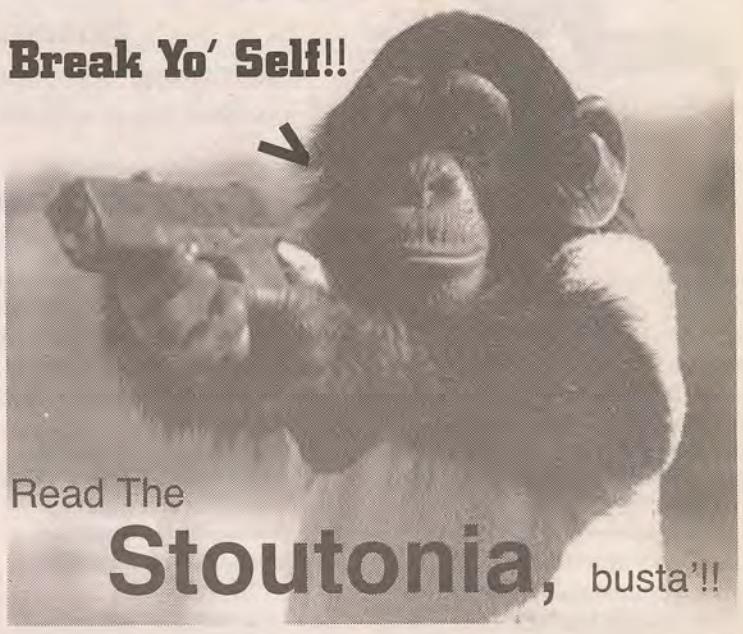
And is driving necessary when you can bike almost anywhere in Menomonie. All of these could make a big difference in the long run.

What's even worse than these actions is that many people do not realize the effect that they have on the environment. This attitude is even being promoted by professors here at UW-Stout. Packaging classes teach that packing is a wonderful thing, and has no negative impact on the Earth. People also feel this way because of the strong societal belief in "American Freedom," which means the freedom to do whatever we want with complete lack of regard or responsibility for the effects of those actions.

All of this reflects a general arrogance on the part of our higher education institution and our society; that for all our flaunted knowledge, Baldridge award, and American flags, we can't even take the time to try to reduce our impact on the environment. We choose to do these things because they are convenient, or because we just don't know or care. What we don't realize is that through these actions, we are tying the noose around our own collective necks. Our limited supply of resources, which is rapidly disappearing.

If you agree with any of what I just said, then join me in my movement to stop the wasteful practices here at Stout: unplug televisions when you see them, turn off lights if no on is in a room or they are not needed, try minimizing your use of electricity in your dorm room, picking up trash and recycling it, or try bring your own cup instead of using a Styrofoam one next time you get something to drink.

All of these actions are simple ways that we can help out, and are a starting point for important changes in our ideals and morals.



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Is UW-Stout ready?

Students struggle to get used to all that e-Scholar has to offer

Alesha Brouwer
Katie Brenner
The Stoutonia

"E-scholar would have been great to have as a freshman," said Jen Nicholson, a junior in retail merchandising and management.

If you haven't heard of eScholar yet, it is a portal that was introduced to students this year in regards to the laptop campus. A portal, is an integration of the most commonly used web content a user might need compiled neatly into one space.

Mike Dolance believed that by developing a portal in order to insure the success of a web based campus.

"It's the single point of access of living and learning at Stout," said Joe Baarsch, the systems development specialist, and recent UW-Stout graduate. "It's got a direct student focus instead of a public view."

It's a place designed for the students' personal use.

"Once you've logged into the portal, you don't have to log in again to check your email," said Jeff Ohvall, who leads the portal initial

According to Ovhall, e-Scholar provides users with more personal information, such as their schedule, email, and your flexline balance.

Through e-Scholar, students can find a calendar of events, the local weather and even chat rooms. Similar to the UW-Stout web page, students can view course information and register for classes. Access to ASK 5000, Blackboard, and library resources is also available.

"We need to deliver something for the students coming that were receiving laptops," said Ovhall. "But this portal is available to all students and faculty."

So is faculty using it?

"Not yet," said Steve Robinson, professor of communication technologies. "I use a lot of blackboard. We as faculty have had trouble updating our profile. I think the idea is good though."

So how are students using this new technology?

"I don't really know what it is, and I don't see the need to use it," said Traci Zellmen, a sophomore graphic design major.

"I heard about it, but don't really know what it is," said Kaity Meyer, a sophomore in fashion design. "[The portal is] not very easy to the eye, so you can't find something right away.

According to numbers followed since early September, about 20 percent of enrolled students log into e-scholar, and most of them are freshmen.

"It pops up as my homepage; I check my e-mail, then I ignore it," said Heather Zell, freshman in manufacturing engineering. "I go through the Stout page more.

Though many students are unsure of the benefits of e-Scholar, advances will still be made. Phase two should be ready by next fall. With it come some hopeful new features.

Students will be able to configure the portal for their needs. Widgets can be picked and moved around allowing each individual to choose what they want to see every day. A new faculty view will allow faculty to use resources geared towards them.

Nolan Northup, the System Administrator and Baarsh both agree that, "One of e-Scholar's greatest benefits is how it is geared to benefit the community."

Along with phase two comes a possible community tab about Menomonie events and the integration of network storage for easier student usage. Software downloads will be available, as well as a personal calendar.

E-Scholar is still being worked on, but is developing nicely. If you want more information about eScholar, you can visit it at http://www.uwstout.edu/escholar Also, direct any questions or concerns to eScholar@uwstout.edu.

"I think that it has potential," said Meyer. "But right now it needs something more."

> "I don't really know what it is, and I don't see the need to use it."



Traci Zellmen
Soph., graphic design

Stick your foot in the door, get an internship

Co-ops and internships are recommended students of all majors before graduation

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia

Do you ever wonder if there is a light at the end of the educational tunnel? When will the insanity of the classroom and homework end and the real world, with real jobs, begin?

Most students see the light when they start their internship or co-op. This gives students a good idea about why they have been studying so hard at college for so long.

"In almost all majors, a co-op or internship can be used to meet program requirements," said a spokes person from placement and co-op services.

Most students do their co-op or internship their junior or senior year, but students can get internship credit at any year.

"It was good to give me an idea of what I would be doing and good to get a step in the door if I do want to work there," said Logan Petersen, an applied math major who just finished an internship at Unisys.

She received help solely from her program director who sent out resumes to different companies for her.

While Petersen used the school's service in making a resume and a cover letter, a big part in starting the process of getting an internship, she didn't get her internship the traditional way, meaning through placement and co-op services.

The placement and co-op services estimates that about 70 percent of University of Wisconsin-Stout students use their service to get a co-op or internship, but more students use the service for other purposes, just as Petersen did.

Getting your foot in the door is one thing, but even if you don't plan on working for your internship company in the future, you are able to network with people in your field. Hopefully, this will give you some great recommendations for any future job opportunities.

"The people I worked for can give me recommendation letters, and I can use them as references later on," said Petersen. "They are really willing to help me find a job."

While thinking about your co-op or internship, remember that although in most cases an internship and a co-op are similar and have the same guidelines, in some programs there is a difference. Students should check with their advisor or program director.

"Co-op or internship experience is strongly recommended as it will significantly improve employment opportunities," said Slinden.

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It's all just a drunken grope-fest

Students speak out about the touchy-feely drunk people at parties

Krystle Williams
The Stoutonia



by Andy Kiekhafer, The Stoutonia

Personal space is hard to come by at parties, but many people feel offended and disgusted by their drunken peer feeling them up.

What do you get when you combine a small dark basement, a few kegs, horny guys and some very sexy women? It's a grope fest!

More and more girls are feeling, or being felt, by the majority of drunken males on campus.

Mandy Meyer, a sophomore majoring in family and consumer education, has experienced the grope fest.

"If it's someone I know, it can be funny or sometimes irritating," Meyer said. "Otherwise it's tacky and degrading if I don't know the person who had just touched me."

Unwanted grabbing my leave the victim feeling disgusted and upset.

"This guy slapped my butt and put a sticker on it. I was really offended."

The vast majority of students seem to agree that being felt up is disrespectful. Even the men have ran into some compromising situations where a woman has groped them.

"I felt violated," Brooks Barz, a junior majoring in construction, said. "I didn't give consent to be grabbed, but she was drunk."

"First impressions mean a lot," said Molly Stoulil, a sophomore retail merchandising and management major. "I have never fallen for a groper."

Everybody needs their personal space, thus a slap on the buttocks may not be the best way to pick up a date. So why does it happen?

"It must all be in the testosterone," said Justin Leubben, a sophomore majoring in hotel restaurant and tourism management. Luebben also offered women some much needed advise on how to get rid of gropers, "A girl should leave the party if it's bad, because the guy will just hassle them more. Or, get a guy friend to help you out. This is probably the best way to avoid them and confrontation."

Craig Phersch, a junior in graphic communications management said, "If he has a mullet, watch your a**."

Can you really find love online?

Some Internet meetings can turn out good, some bad; just be safe and smart

Missy Powell
The Stoutonia



by Eric Carlson The Stoutonia

To be in love with a person you have never met seems crazy for many people, but it is a reality for those who met their love online. Taking a chance like this can also take a twisted turn, and be a terrible experience.

Christina Schmitz, a junior in family and consumer science, had a situation turn from friendly chat into a frightening meeting.

According to Schmitz, someone working with her dad gave out her personal information to someone she did not know. The man emailed her, and they soon began chatting. Three months later, Schmitz went out to dinner with some friends, and the man she had been chatting with made a surprise visit.

"The scariest part was I never told him what restaurant we were going to!" Schmitz said. "He got pissed that he spent money to come up here and that nothing progressed."

Two weeks went by and Schmitz hadn't heard from her visitor, but then the phone calls started.

"He called continuously for three weeks straight at least 15 times a day!" Schmitz said, still a little shaken from the experience.

Cory Hein works in investigation and crime prevention on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus. Hein believes that in all cases, being on the lookout and using safety precautions during that first meeting is very important.

When meeting an online acquaintance in person for the first time, consider following these major safety precautions. Tell your friends where you are and when you are planning on coming home. Stick with your plan, carry a cell phone, never ride with the person you just met, don't get intoxicated at your first meeting and always meet the person in a public place.

"You don't want to go back to his or her place; keep that for further down the road," Hein said.

Another precaution is making sure that both people meeting are on the same wavelength.

"Communicate with the person what your expectations are," said Hein.

Hein added that if the person is still persistent and tries to get you to do things you do not want to do, the meeting should end there.

"Your gut tells you something's not right; don't be afraid to listen to it," Hein commented.

Not all meetings turn out bad. Dana Johnson a junior in multimedia design had a friend who was chatting with someone over the Net for a year. Now the two of them are nearly engaged.

Johnson, Hein, and Schmitz believe that although there are risks by following some precautions, things can work out.

"It's a dangerous situation you can make safe," Schmitz said.

She believes having a friend go along is one of the best ideas. She suggests to make some sort of code or sign so the friend knows there is a problem and can help you out.

"Bring a friend; don't go alone. That's crazy!" Johnson said.

Johnson's friend is extremely happy while Schmitz says she'll never do it again.

"I've had my one bad experience; why have a second?" Schmitz said.

"Procrastination is the best way to do things."



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

As midnight comes and goes, I still sit in *The Stoutonia* office staring blindly at the computer screen. I have yet to find an idea for my column.

I brainstorm and complain outloud about how much homework I still have to do for tomorrow, and I come to this conclusion: procrastination is a wonderful thing!

There are no sarcastic undertones in my statement; I truly believe procrastination is the best way to do anything.

The person that gets things done early may confuse the procrastinator with a slacker.

A slacker doesn't do anything, whereas a procrastinator just puts off tasks until later.

Procrastination offers many benefits for those who chose to put off their to-do list.

It opens up your schedule to do any fun or leisure activity you want without the burden of getting work done before you can go out. By putting things off, you can get everything out of your system, so when it is time to work, you can fully concentrate on the task at hand.

Have you ever heard the phrase, works well under pressure?

Well, this can be applied to anyone in a rush. Panic can be avoided if you make a plan of action to maximize your time. The timely people may be able to take things slowly, but the procrastinator can do the same amount of work in less time just by eliminating any distraction.

The timely worker may argue that they get a satisfaction out of getting things done before they are due. This satisfaction is only superficial because they will then just focus on worrying about something else.

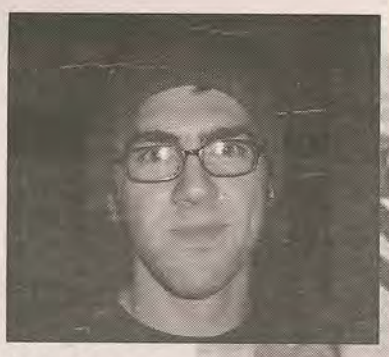
So, procrastination is not always the bad thing that causes anxiety in those who put off tasks. In the short run, things will get done, and in the long run, it won't matter.

Plus, I just filled up my column.

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Campus Slant

What kind of underwear would you never wear?



"Itty bitty teency weency polka dotted string bikini."
~Craig Grabhorn,
Sr., graphic design



"A thong"
~Ryan Rider
Soph., technical education



"Crochless"
~Jen Jech
Fr., business

"Granny Undies"
~Mandy Meyer
Soph., family and consumer science



Next Week:

Who's your favorite guy named Paul?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

The Fake News

Cochran suing UW-Stout

Johnnie Cochran wants to see a fair soda representation on campus

Mathew J. Tracy
The Stoutonia

It was announced today that Johnnie Cochran will be suing the University of Wisconsin-Stout over the lack of diversity in the university's soda selection.

"It is a travesty that the students of this campus cannot choose freely their own refreshment," said Cochran. "I will not stop until there is an equal representation of soft drink on this campus."

Cochran, who is currently trying to bring litigation against the NFL on similar charges, feels he will be victorious in his lawsuit.

"I have no doubt that I will bring about sweeping reform at the University of Wisconsin-Stout," said Cochran. "Soon, Pepsi will no longer have its strangle hold on that school."

Cochran is best known for the defense of ex-football player O.J. Simpson, who was charged and later acquitted of killing his wife.

During the trial, Cochran developed the catch phrase, "if it doesn't fit, you must acquit," stating that if the glove found at the murder site couldn't fit Simpson's hand, he was innocent.

Cochran will be employing the same strategy for the litigation against UW-Stout.

"Unless there's Sprite, it's not alright," said Cochran at a recent press conference. This seems to be Cochran's new slogan. He hopes to.....

Aw screw it! No one reads this stupid section anyway! I hate having to write this stupid crap every week. I was just trying to do something that I thought would be fun, but no one even likes it. Do you like it?

I don't know who "you" would be, because no one is reading this. I can just go off about whatever I want, and no one could give a flying rat's ass.

Seriously, all you people do is complain about how much you think the Fake News should not be in the newspaper. Well you know what? I don't give a stank crotch what you people want. I think this stuff is funny, so you know what? I'm gonna keep doing it.

Yeah, how do you like them apples? It's not like I enjoy writing something week after week that not one frigging person reads. Now I know what the guy who does the "Family Circus" comic every week must feel like. He works real hard on something that he loves just to have people snicker and say how much it sucks.

I guess I'm just really bitter. I can't believe that no one thinks anything I've written was funny.

One of the biggest complaints I get is that the Fake News is confusing. Well, maybe if any of you employed any critical reading skills, you would catch on to this. I'm not gonna feel bad that you are all too stupid to get any of my jokes.

I'm sorry, I didn't mean any of that. Sometimes when I get frustrated, I tend to get sort of cranky. I think I need a nap or something.

Seriously, I love all of you guys. I didn't mean to call you all stupid. I do give a stank crotch about what you want. Seriously.

I wann' kiss you all over, and over and again. I wanna' kiss you all over..duh, duh, duh. 'Til the night closes in,....'til the night closes in!!



by Jack Handy, The Stoutonia

Johnnie Cochran fights for the unjust representation of the soda distribution on the UW-Stout campus.

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the charts

Top 10 Albums

1. Disturbed - "Believe"
2. Dixie Chicks - "Home"
3. Avril Lavigne - "Let Go"
4. Nelly - "Nellyville"
5. Eminem - "The Eminem Show"
6. Disturbing Tha Peace - "Golden Grain"
7. Life House - "Stanley"
8. Norah Jones - "Come Away With Me"
9. Kenny G - "Paradise"
10. Toby Keith - "Unleashed'"

Top 10 Movies

1. "Sweet Home Alabama"
2. "Tuxedos"
3. "Barbershop"
4. "My Big Greek Wedding"
5. "The Banger Sisters"
6. "The Four Feathers"
7. "One Hour Photo"
8. "Ballistic: Ecks vs. Sever"
9. "Signs"
10. "Swimfan"

Top 10 TV Shows

1. "Friends"
2. "CSI"
3. "E.R."
4. "Everybody Loves Raymond" Thursday special
5. "Everybody Loves Raymond"
6. "CSI: Miami"
7. "Scrubs"
8. "Survivor:Thialand"
9. "Will and Grace"
10. "Frasier"

Top 10 Books

1. "Nights in Rodanthe" - Nicholas Sparks
2. "The Lovely Bones"- Alice Seibold
3. "Blessings" - Anna Quindlen
4. "The Red Rabbit" - Tom Clancy
5. "Killjoy" - Julie Garwood
6. "Lullaby" - Chuck Palahniuk
7. "Dunes:The Butlerian Jihad" - Brian Herbert
8. "Shrink Rap" - Robert B. Parker
9. "The Nannie Diaries" - Emma McLauglin
10. "Morgawr:The Voyage of Jerle Shannara" - Alan Furst

according to Entertainment Weekly

Three Wise Guys



Photo Illustration by Steve Poole, The Stoutonia

David Zill
The Stoutonia

Many Americans agree that late-night talk shows are smart, funny and entertaining. Millions of households tune-in nightly to these programs of comedy, pranks and celebrity guests.

The list of after-hours entertainment has come and gone over the years. Shows such as "The Magic Hour," "Arsenio Hall" and more recently, "Politically Incorrect" with Bill Mahr have graced the airways and then disappeared.

But Leno, Letterman and O'Brien remain the steady leaders of the late-night genre, according to 2001 Nielsen ratings. However, do University of Wisconsin-Stout students feel the same way?

Leno may lead the pack in the Nielsen's, but not necessarily with students. His headlines, monologs and Jay Walking, where Leno takes to the street asking questions for humorous answers, do not always appeal.

"I don't like Jay Leno," said Tracy Oostdyk, a junior in graphic communications management. "He is annoying, plain and simple."

Letterman is second in late-night ratings, but finding students to talk about his late-night act was not easy.

"I think [Letterman] is funny, and he has a good top ten list," Oostdyk said.

UW-Stout students love O'Brien. With characters like the masturbating bear and the shirtless moron, this former "Saturday Night Live" and "The Simpson's" writer brings in the laughs. O'Brien also brings in alternative music acts not seen on other late-night shows.

"I have actually been to New York to see the show taped," said John Mooyen, a graduate student. "It was really funny seeing the behind the scenes as far as what happens while the show is being taped and when it isn't."

Matt Batin, a junior added, "The funniest thing on that show is If They Mated. I am a music freak and I like the guests they have."

Senior Marissa Menegoni, a psychology major, also said of O'Brien, "He just does these weird skits in the middle of the show that are so funny!" My sisters like him too."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Open Mic
Oct. 10 @ 8 p.m.
Heritage Cafe

Daniel Tosh
comedian
Oct. 16 @ 8 p.m.
Great Hall

Unified Front
modern rock band
Oct. 18 @ 7 p.m.
Blind Munchies Coffehouse

Mark Mallman
keyboard based rock
Oct. 23 @ 8 p.m.
Huff's

20pt headline for smaller stories

Andrea Moore
The Stoutonia

. "I think it's amazing how she can retell her painful story to thousands of people and center her message not only about Matthew, but about others who could become a victim of a hate crime," Tracy Pionek, a junior, said.

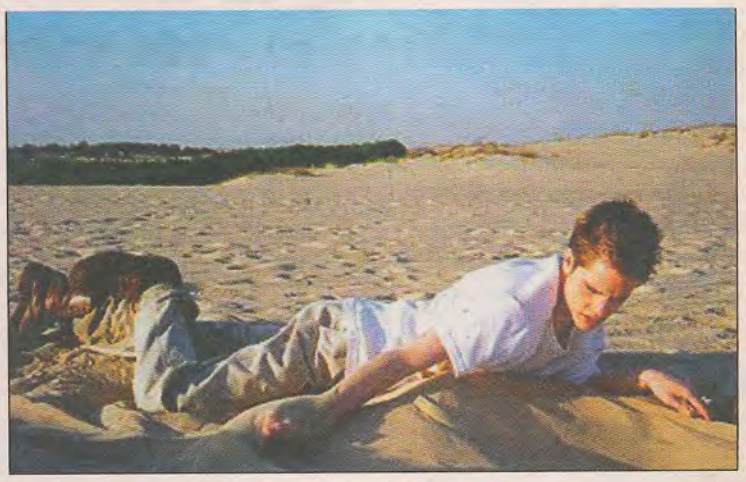
Judy Shepard spoke at the University of Wisconsin-Stout on Monday, Sept. 30, 2002. In front of an almost-full house, she bravely retold her tale of losing her son to an act of hate.

Her purpose of traveling around the country and speaking to different groups of people is to educate people about diversity.

"Educate, educate, educate!" Judy stated matter-of-factly. "Even if I just reach one individual tonight, even if I just touch one person's heart, then my task here is justified."

And justified it was. While she spoke, some people were crying silently, and others were hanging on her every word. Even in her soft-spoken manner, her humble humor and heart-breaking tale, her message was very clear: now is the time to turn ignorance into acceptance by standing out, no matter how difficult. It is time that all groups are treated equally and enjoy the same privileges as everyone else.

Shepard also spoke about numerous issues including educated voting, gay and lesbian marriages,



Courtesty of www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Stonewall/2878od

A room full of people are moved by Judy Shepard's meaningful messages last Monday night.

Parents and Friends of Lesbians And Gays (PFLAG), support group gay pride parades and negative jokes and name-calling.

Shepard deeply wants the youth of today to educate themselves about who is leading their state and country. What do they stand for? Who do they represent? What are they doing for you as a citizen?

She believes that gays

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Bands bring fans



Courtesy of unifiedfrontmusic.com

The men pictured here are in the modern rock band Unified Front. They performed at the annual Yeshuapolooza event and will be appearing at Blind Munchies.

Amanda Dobbratz
The Stoutonia

The park located in the nine-hundred block of Wilson Avenue, known as the band shell park, has been seeing a lot of action lately.

Two events were held on consecutive Saturdays. Both featured seven bands, and each of these days focused on bringing something to the community.

The first of these Saturday shows, Sept. 14, was Yeshuapolooza, organized by Street Level Ministry and Calgary Chapel Church. Yeshuapolooza is an annual event featuring a day of contemporary Christian music.

"It's not about religion and trying to manipulate people to come out," said Sara Mueller, a senior majoring in vocational rehabilitation and vice president of Street Level Ministries. "People think 'oh it's a Jesus concert; they're just trying to push their views on us.'"

The main aim of the Street Level Ministry's events is to promote safe fun in an atmosphere representative of their mission.

Bands hailing from a variety of places including Eau Claire, Wis., Wausau, Wis. and the state of Kansas graced the stage that Saturday. This year's installment also included a presentation by David Pierce, lead signer of the New Zealand punk outfit, No Longer Music.

In addition, Street Level Ministry organizes music events in the Blind Munchies Coffeehouse located in the lower level of the Calgary Chapel on Wilson Ave. Blind Munchies usually holds one free concert a month, but there will be two in October, and serves homemade baked goods and specialty espresso drinks. The coffeehouse also boasts a comfortable atmosphere.

Mueller says Blind Munchies, "doesn't feel like the basement of a church."

The second Saturday band shell event, held on Sept. 21, was a day of music to benefit the infamous skate park the city of Menomonie has in the works.

"It's not about religion and trying to manipulate people to come out."

-Sara Mueller
Vice President of Street Level Ministries

The day's music varied from jam bands to punk rock and included the bands Maggie, Pierce and E.J., Jeff White and the Front Porch, Government Cheese and The Cull.

The band shell park provided optimum room for the event's mayhem which included frisbee playing, caricatures, refreshments and of course, a lot of skateboarding. In fact, Eighth Street was closed to enable skaters to bring in ramps and rails to perform stunts, one of which included the ollie, a skateboarding trick, of a live woman in attempts to raise funds for the skate park.

The bands proved to be the largest draw of the day. By the end of the night, the college students, skaters and local residents were dancing to the excellent rock sounds.

"We are the Ludington Guard Band," proclaimed A. Bill Miller, guitarist of the now defunct The Cull, the last band of the night.

The Ludington Guard Band is Menomonie's full-concert band. It includes percussion, brass and woodwind instruments.

The new skate park is to be located in Phalen Park east of Ninth Street and 21st Avenue. Phalen Park has just quadrupled its size and there are many plans for improving the park under construction.

The benefit raised a total of $900 for the skate park, which brings the privately raised funds to approximately $35,000. The city of Menomonie has agreed to match the total dollar amount of all private funds accrued toward the park.

"The city has said next spring; it's looking better," says Rory Feddersen, owner of Simple Sports. "If we can get to $40,000 privately then I think the city will start construction."

"Alabama" rolls in sweetness and laughs



MOVIEREVIEW
Kim Hauschildt

"Sweet Home Alabama" was the movie of choice this week. Labeled as a romantic comedy, it has a lot to offer, not only to us die-hard chick flick watchers, but also for the comedy watchers. This movie's big stars include Reese Witherspoon, Patrick Dempsy, Ethan Embry and Candice Bergen.

Melanie Carmichael (Witherspoon) made a life for herself by becoming a major fashion designer in New York City. Her boyfriend (Dempsy) is the mayor's son. Everything goes smoothly until she finds herself engaged. Unfortunately, her backwoods husband whom she left down in Alabama seven years ago still refuses to sign their divorce papers, so technically, she's still married.

A trip to the south reawakens her past, and she suddenly feels torn between her new life and the old. She must choose before her fiance's mother makes the decision for her, and her old friends turn their backs.

There are a ton of comic and hysterical scenes in this movie. Small town people will see a shocking similarity to their own town. City people will be sitting back wondering what they missed out on. Well, maybe not. Great movie to see with friends or on a date. See it while you can.



Courtesy of movies.go.com

"Sweet Home Alabama" is a box office hit, ranking in at No. 1 in the top ten.



Sweet Home Alabama
starring Reese Witherspoon, Ethan Embry and Candice Bergen
Kim says: *"See it while you can."*

How it rates:
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Shepard /speaks to wide audience at the Great hall

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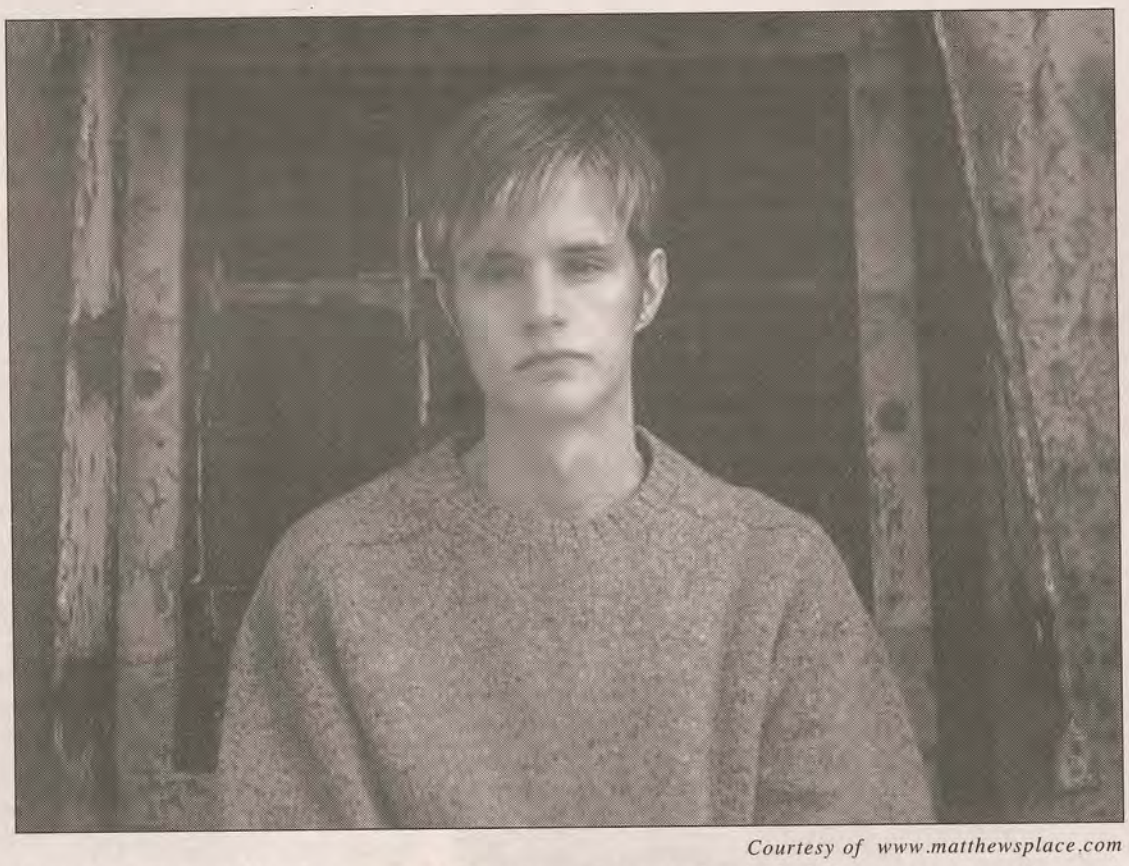
and lesbians should have the right to marry, just like everyone else.

"Isn't marriage a civil contract?" Shepard asked, already knowing the answer. "Marriage is a civil contract that is not involved in the church; people make the connection with the church. Couples get married all the time in Vegas; the church has no official authority over a marriage."

Shepard also commented on the press attending gay pride parades. She wants the press to remain for the whole parade, because at the end of all the wild, extravagantly dressed people, you find couples who are married and are raising children.

"Who cares if a child has two mommies and daddies? People who are loved and who love each other define a family," Shepard said. "Not a mother and a father and two and a third children with a dog!"

"Even if I just reach one individual tonight...then my task here is done."
-Judy Shepard



Courtesy of www.matthewsplace.com

Matthew Shepard's story,as told by his mother Judy, is helping others see beyond the labels and stereotypes of gays and lesbians.

The subject of how a person learns to love also was a relevant topic. Shepard believes that a child learns how to love and also learns how to discriminate and hate.

"Our children, as young as eight years old, are calling people gay. This is learned and this is wrong. These children don't even know the meaning of the word."

Another topic that hit close to home was the issue of recognizing people.

"When you talk about a gay person, you view that person as gay. Yet when you see your straight friend, you don't look at them as 'Hey, that's my straight friend.'"

Being gay or lesbian is only one part of a person. Shepard stresses that people need to overcome these thoughts.

She also pointed out that her goal is not to try and convert the audience's perspective on gays and lesbians, but rather to educate and influence their thoughts by presenting these issues through a different perspective.

In short, she wanted to further impress that the children of today learn what is wrong and right from our society. If bigotry, ignorance and bias are found in a child's teacher, parent or role model, the child will learn parallel traits.

"If there's one thing that I learned here tonight from Judy, it's the fact that you can't judge a book by its cover," replied Melanie Smith, a sophomore. "In the future when I meet someone, instead of judging them on how different they are compared to me, instead of letting it be an avenue of ignorance, I'm going to make that a positive challenge to get to know them."

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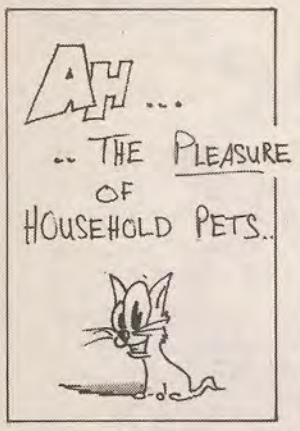
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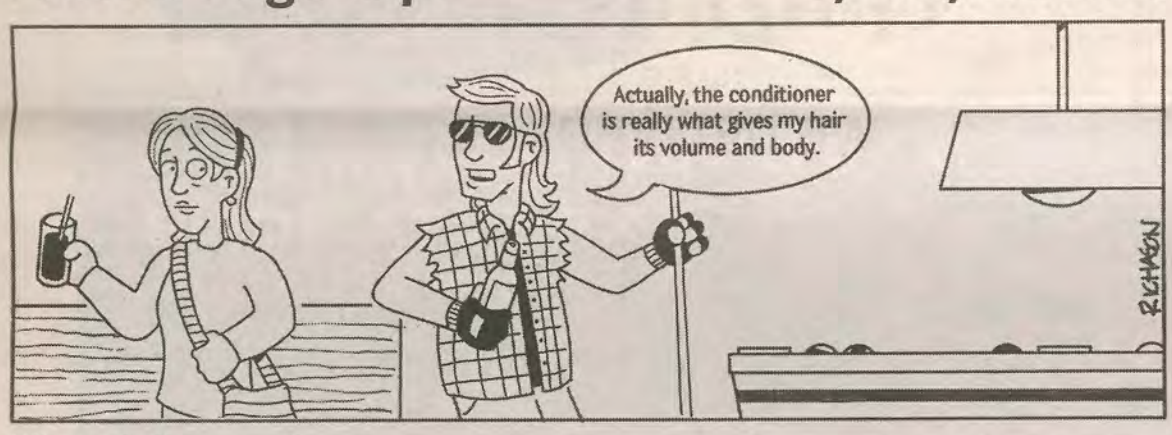
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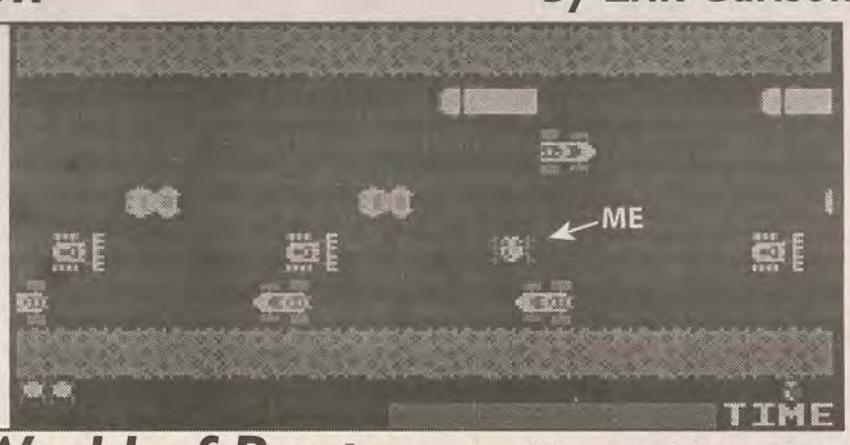
Yetti Invasion

by Erik Carlson

This is a dramatization of an aerial photo of me trying to cross S. Broadway today.

The bulldozers get me every time. Damn.

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Duck U

by Nathan Wilder



The Ironic World of Baxter

by Shane Horchem



monkey like comics

SPORTS
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I say, Thank God It's October!!



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Thank God It's October! Sure, the summer months provided lots of sporting action, with the NFL training camps and the baseball playoff races. But that was just a precursor to the real drama.

For those of you who are uncertain why I love October, keep reading. For those of you who know why I love October, stop stalking me.

October is the best month for sports with all that it has to offer. Every major sport is operating during October. The NFL has played a month of games and things are either getting real interesting.

Preseason is in full swing for both the NBA and the NHL, but during October the king of sports is baseball. For the first time in over a decade, playoff fever has gripped at least the local area, if not the nation.

After surviving an assassination attempt during the off-season, the Minnesota Twins are the Cinderella story baseball fans will never forget.

The Twins are in the playoffs for the first time since their 1991 championship run. If they are going to make a return trip to the World Series, they will need to wrestle past two teams that have better overall records.

With two games of both American League Division Series already done October is proving it is the best month for sports.

The Yankees and the Angels series is even at a game a piece after two close games. And the Twins are even with the Oakland A's heading back to the Metrodome where Minnesota will have a huge home field advantage.

Over in the National League, the underdogs took it to their heavily favored opponents and have one game leads to show for it.

After playing through a very tough and emotional season, the St. Louis Cardinals opened the playoffs by battering CY Young candidate Randy Johnson against the World Champion Arizona Diamondbacks.

When Atlanta sent Tom Glavine to the mound against the San Francisco Giants, they were only worried about one guy named Barry. Unfortunately, the Braves forgot that the other eight Giants also get to bat, and had to watch as San Francisco pounded out six runs against their ace.

And now that you are caught up on any of the October excitement you may have missed, you are probably wondering the same thing I am. Who is going to the World Series?

Well, I never make predictions for the simple reason that I tend to be wrong more often than I am right. (Editor's note: Anybody read that terrible Fantasy Football Corner I did?!) But October is my favorite time of year, behind Christmas, July 4th, and Flag Day, so I'll make an exception and try to make some picks.

I will start my picks with the Angels. They played the Yankees hard twice at Yankee Stadium. But I have to admit that picking against the Yankees in the postseason is like picking the nerd first in dodge ball.

Atlanta is benching Greg Maddux until game three. To me this means the Braves hope their hurting hurler will have enough left in his tank to beat the Giants. So, I have to go with the Wild Card again and pick the San Francisco Giants.

Now for the tricky pick. St. Louis is hot, and they owned the Unit in Game One, but I have to believe that Arizona will come back. They are just too good a team. The Diamondbacks are my pick to advance.

Now I barely remember the last time the Twinkies were in the playoffs, but what I do remember about that postseason trip is that everyone counted out the underdog Twins. This year begs for comparison, with the 2002 team resurrected from contraction and playing the role of underdog all season. So what is my pick? Twins in four, baby!

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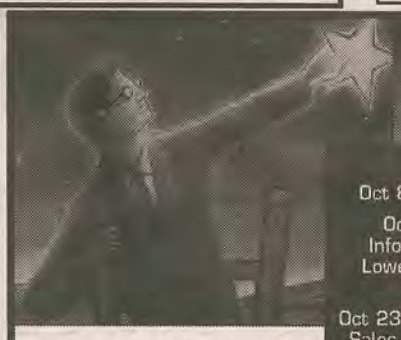
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Reviewing the week in sports

Curt Trnka
The Stoutonia

Tennis

The University of Wisconsin-Stout came out on top by downing Hamline University, 4-3, Friday, Sept. 27 in St. Paul, Minn. Both teams played one player short.

It was a night of comebacks for the Blue Devils. Amy Boyle, a junior from Racine, Wis., and Tina Rodin, a sophomore from Champlin, Minn., both fell behind early in singles play, but came back extremely strong to win their matches.

Earlier in the week, UW-Stout fell 7-2 at the University of Wisconsin-River Falls. UW-Stout will be at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Tuesday, Oct. 1, and will host the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, Friday, Oct. 4.

Soccer

UW-Stout answered a first half UW-Oshkosh goal to remain undefeated in conference play, and recorded their third tie of the season as the Blue Devils and the Titans played to a 1-1 tie, Friday, Sept. 27 at Nelson Field. The Blue Devils are now 3-2-3 overall, and 0-0-3 in the conference.

Blue Devil goalkeeper Melissa Ballweg, a sophomore from Merrimac, Wis., recorded 10 saves in the four periods of play.

The Blue Devils will be at Martin Luther College, Wednesday, Oct. 2 and at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Saturday, Oct. 5.

Volleyball

Playing at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Invitational, the UW-Stout volleyball team split their four games at the weekend invitational. The Blue Devils lost to the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and UW-River Falls, but defeated UW-Superior and the host UW-Eau Claire Blugolds. For the season, the Blue Devils are now 15-4.

Tanille Zenner, a freshman from Athens, Wis., and Laura Bogenschutz, a junior from Baxter, Minn., were named to the all-tournament team.

Stout will travel to Stevens Point, Friday, Oct. 4 for a WIAC contest, then return home the following day to host Bethel College and Viterbo University. Also, the Blue Devils stayed at the No. 15 spot in the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) Division III coaches poll.



Courtesy of, Sports Information

Midfielder Heidi Schultz drives upfield for the Blue Devils in a recent game against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh at Nelson Field.

Football

The undefeated Blue Devils continued their domination of opponents by rushing for 346 yards versus the University of St. Thomas last Saturday during a 28-7 non-conference victory in St. Paul.

In the backfield for UW-Stout, Luke Bundgaard, a junior from Weyerhaeuser, Wis., and Ryan Engelbert, a freshman from Sturgeon Bay, Wis., accounted for 301 of UW-Stout's rushing yards. Bundgaard rushed for 169 yards and two touchdowns while Englebert also rushed for over 100 yards, totaling 132. Bundgaard was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) offensive player of the week.

The Blue Devils scored first when Nick Ohman, a sophomore from Glenwood City, Wis., hooked up with Dan Austin, a sophomore from Clintonville, Wis., for a 3-yard score in the first quarter. It was the third time this season the Blue Devils have used the Ohman to Austin hook for a score.

For the third week in a row, the Blue Devil defense was stellar, holding the Tommies to 143 total yards, with only 19 on the ground. UW-Stout held St. Thomas to an incredibly low total of only 11 yards in the second half. The stat of the game would probably have to go to Blue Devil linebacker Jamie Spielman, a senior from Menomonie. He had nine tackles, and seven of them were solo.

Ranked 15th in the latest American Football Coacher Association (AFCA) poll, UW- Stout plays the University of Wisconsin-Platteville Pioneers.

Stress got you down? Try this



FITLIVING
Ann Syrstad

With classes only weeks into the semester, it seems that many students are already questioning how to deal with their stresses.

"Professors are expecting so much," says Ben Oberle, a junior in marketing and business education. "It's hard to get back into the swing of things."

It is not uncommon for stress to hit college students especially hard. With large credit loads, campus involvement and a social life, a typical University of Wisconsin-Stout student could be easily overwhelmed.

When stress gets you down, try the following suggestions:

1. *Drop your backpack and leave your shoes at the door.* This should relieve the tensions that your shoes have put on your feet after a hard day of class.

2. *Take an attitude-elevating shower.* When you feel the need for energy, grab your favorite shampoo and leave your stresses behind. For extra energy, try shampoos with citrus or peppermint.

3. *Take a music therapist's advice.* Pop in a calming CD like Dave Mathews, Jewel or your favorite artist. "Sing along," says music therapist Sarah Jeffrey, "It takes your mind off the day and gives you a chance to do something you really enjoy!"

4. *Change into some comfortable clothing.* Doing this will ensure relaxation and give you a chance to let loose.

5. *Look through an old photo album.* This gives you a chance to put your worries aside and think back to cherished memories.



Courtesy of, www.oncf.org.ma/uscm

Exercising on a regular basis can be a great way to keep your stress level down. Sports Editor's note: None of these women are on campus. Sorry guys.

6. *Surround yourself with bright colors.* "Try red and orange for a boost and cool shades like blue and green to lull you in a state of relaxation," said Carrie McKenzie, a therapist from St. Paul specializing in recreation.

7. *Get a foot massage.* You should not have to pay big money for a massage. Find a golf ball, move your arches of your bare feet over the ball for a mini-massage well worth your time.

8. *Write in a journal.* Use this time to write from your heart and reflect on your day. If you do not have a journal, try writing an email to a friend, or a letter to mom or dad.

9. *Drink a glass of water.* Try adding lemon or ginger for a calorie-free added flavor that is proven to give your mind and body an extra boost.

10. *Treat yourself to something fun.* See a movie with friends or go shopping. And if exercise normally helps your stress level, try swimming, walking or biking. You pick!

In general, make your classes a priority, but not enough to burn yourself out. Keep these suggestions in mind, be good to yourself and enjoy your college experience... stressed or not!

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Intramural foot ball too popular

Jessie Krejci
The Stoutonia



by Curt Trnka, The Stoutonia

Intramural football is a game for anyone who is interested in having fun and staying active. Above, the men's league team "Off" practices.

Each Sunday, many students spend the afternoon watching football. However, there is a select group of students who prefer to play one of America's past time sports. This is not traditional, but rather intramural flag football.

This year, intramural football consists of two leagues, men and coed/women. These leagues play on different nights. If anyone is interested in watching the coed/women division, come down to Don and Nona Williams Stadium on Sunday nights starting at 5:30 p.m. Men's league teams take the field Monday through Thursday starting at 7:00 p.m. and run until midnight.

Flag football is one of the most popular intramural sports. Holly DeMarce, the intramural coordinator said that due to lack of field space, there were teams that had to be turned away from playing. In fact, 25 percent of all men's teams that registered to play could not be placed in the respective league.

A team was more likely to play the earlier they registered online, and those that waited until the last minute took the chance of not finding a spot for their team on the day of the informational meeting.

According to DeMarce, this men's league is the strongest it has ever been. These teams have played in the rain and the cold, but it does not seem to phase them. In the three weeks, there has not been one forfeit in the men's league. The competition is intense and the drive to be the champions is what each team is chasing.

The Purple Spades are undefeated in their men's league. This team is not afraid to take some tumbles and spills, as they know this is what is needed to get the job done. Josh Fredrickson, a senior, is a team member of the Purple Spades, and he has suffered jammed fingers, but continues to play.

"The camaraderie, the girls that come to watch the games and slapping teammates asses," were his three important factors when asked why he plays.

One team that is chasing the dream to be the champions in the coed/women division is Janet Reno's Dance Party. This team has also gone undefeated with a 5-0 record.

"It's a good time and we all have a lot of fun," team member Amy Biegel, a senior, said.

Many teams have this attitude; it's not about winning and losing, but rather having fun. Intramurals provide the opportunity to come together with your friends and play a game to have some fun. Playing sports releases tension and breaks up schoolwork.

Intramurals also offer an excellent opportunity for those who do not want to put in all of the time that a varsity sport may take.

Come down to the stadium on Oct. 17 for your chance to get a look at the best of the best in the championship games. The referees are sure to keep the games tight. No cheap moves by any of the teams when there are three officials on the field.

"Pulling flags makes me happy," referee Aaron Pokrzywa, a senior, said.

The next intramurals offered are basketball, indoor volleyball and floor hockey. Register early for your chance to compete. Remember, you can't WIN if you don't PLAY.

Running everywhere

Rebecca Werner
The Stoutonia

Over the River and Through the Woods, to the Finish Line Stout goes…

While most of the University of Wisconsin-Stout community spent their last weekend of September in a rainy haze, the university's men's and women's cross country teams were soaking up the sun.

On Friday, Sept. 27, coach Joe Harlan took the two teams on a four-hour trip to Beloit, Wis. The women usually race 5K, or 3.1 mi, while the men do 8K, or 6 mi. Both travel through the woods and over hills. However, on Saturday, they faced some new challenges.

This English-style race consisted of many new obstacles. Piles of hay bales, bundles of logs and shin-deep streams were the spectacle trials that tried to hold the teams back. Out of the 27 competing men's teams, Stout placed third. Freshman, Adam Burrack led our men, finishing thirteenth with a time of 27 minutes and 55 seconds. Following only six spots behind Burrack was junior Ryan Chernik who crossed the line in 28 minutes and 17 seconds. For the ladies, Stout placed fourth out of 24 teams, missing second place by only 12 points! Junior, Tracy Oastdyk led this group of fierce runners finishing third overall with a time of 19 minutes 59 seconds. Senior Lacy Osuldsen took 8th place coming in second for Stout with a time of 20 minutes and 18 seconds.

Even though Stout placed very well last weekend, Harlan says they could have done better. "We sat out two of our top men's runners and one of our top ladies". Along with missing some high scorers, Harlan also commented that the footing was so unstable, two of Stout's ladies turned their ankles. This dangerous feature leaves him divided as to the answer if they will return to Beloit next year.

In contrast, this Friday's course looks to be very promising. Stout is hosting the Midwest Long and Short Challenge at the Whitetail Golf Course in Colfax. Even though it will be lacking the entertaining obstacles it still holds much opportunity for delight. A lot of the runners are expected to break their best times. Women will be racing either a 3K or a 5K and men will also participate in a 5K along with the typical 8K.

Not only has the Stout Cross Country team made huge improvements over the last few months, but they are expected to be even better in the years to come. Harlan said that the team is composed of a lot of young talent that will pay off greatly in the future. Optimistically Harlan assures us that, "The best is still ahead".

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Luke Bundgaard

The Facts:
Junior
Running Back (Football)
Weyerhaeuser, Wis.
Business

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

UW-Stout's Luke Bundgaard rushed 30 times for 169 yards and scored two touchdowns as the Blue Devils defeated St. Thomas 28-7, Sept. 28. For his efforts, Bundgaard was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) offensive player of the week.

Bundgaard scored twice in the second quarter, and the second time was with two seconds left before halftime.

For the Season:

Bundgaard is currently ranked third on the Stout all-time rushing list. He has rushed 58 times for 339 yards. With four rushing touchdowns this season, he is second on the team in touchdowns scored.

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Perfect defense against Moss



UTILITYPLAY'A
Joe Pollock

Why would a couple of traffic misdemeanors in Minneapolis be reported here in *The Stoutonia's* acclaimed sports section? Oh, that's because this anything-but-routine traffic stop involved Minnesota Vikings star receiver Randy Moss.

He's done it again. Moss is making his headlines, not for his performance on the football field, but for his antics with traffic cops.

On Tuesday, Sept. 24 Moss made an illegal turn. That's really no big deal. Just about everyone has done it. However, Moss had a very intriguing way of dealing with the situation.

He decided to slowly push the traffic officer with his Lexus for a half a block. He stopped only after the officer, Amy Zaccardi, had fallen to the pavement, according to police.

After all was said and done, the Minnesota Vikings' highest paid player was jailed for the night on suspicion of assault with a dangerous weapon, a felony charge. He was released after being charged with two misdemeanors instead.

The two offenses of careless driving and failure to obey a traffic officer hold maximum penalties of 90 days in prison and in $1,000 fines each.

A marijuana cigarette was also found in the glove compartment (That's the first place they look!), which qualifies as a petty misdemeanor. Moss' agent Dante DiTrapano and his attorney Joe Friedberg both stated that it did not belong to Moss.



Photo work by Russ Bowers & Steve Pool, The Stoutonia

This is a dramatic Stoutonia recreation of the scene on Sept. 24 when Randy Moss was arrested. Not to scale.

This accusation was of particular interest to the NFL. Moss had tested positive for marijuana a year ago, following the death of teammate Korey Stringer and has been in the league's substance abuse program since then. The results of last week's drug test found Moss had been smoking marijuana.

In regards to discipline, Moss was fined $50,000 by the Vikings. However, he will not face any further punishment by the NFL until he is either convicted or gives a plea of guilty.

Even if not convicted, Moss' reputation with many fans has still been tarnished. Surely he will be hearing boos from the crowd for the remainder of the season.

If he can step up to the pressure, and perform as greatly as he has in his first four years in the league, the fans will be back.

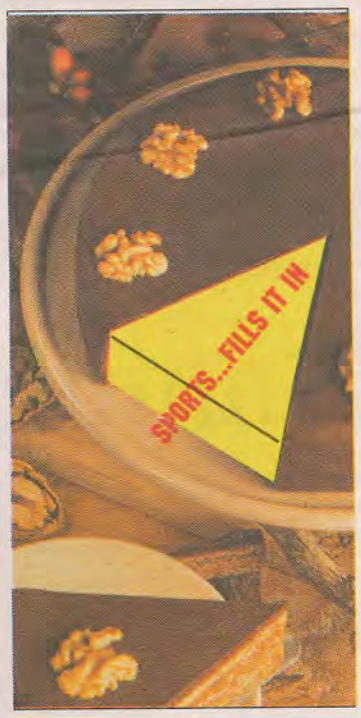
Minnesota Coach Mike Tice supported his star player and kept him in the starting lineup Sunday against Seattle. Although he probably realized it was mistake when Moss turned in one of his career's worst performances, dropping four potential touchdown catches in the loss.

Earlier in the week, at a press conference, Coach Tice talked about Moss playing on Sunday. "I'm still disappointed. This doesn't change the fact that we've been dealing with this for the last 24 hours, that I slept very little last night and I ate a half a jar of Maalox."

That cannot be healthy, but thanks for the insight on that over-the-counter drug problem, coach.

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Meet a remarkable disabled student who continues to master life's challenges and defeat the odds.

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Dead fetus images shock

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia

An anti-abortion group called the Missionaries to the Preborn unexpectedly made themselves known on Tuesday and Wednesday. . The group had members spreading fliers all over the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus, and set themselves up on the sidewalks all over campus. They displayed large signs and fliers depicting aborted babies and yelled into the masses of students going to class.

Jason Storms, a member of the group said, "We have a strong shock message, and avoid rhetoric. We want students to know there is a God, and we need to acknowledge his existence and authority in our lives. Our failure to do that is the cause of our problems in the world today."

Julie Jackson, a senior of human development and family studies, said, "They harassed my boyfriend, and said he was a killer of 40,000 babies and that he was going to hell. It's disgusting. People have the right to say what they want, but people also should have the choice to hear it. They should rent a space for this and give people a chance."

The first ammendment gives this group the right to assemble. The campus police were called numerous times, but due to this right the group was only exercising their legal rights.

"They want to get rid of planned parenthood. That's my major," said Jackson.

Storms said, "Planned parenthood kills children, they teach you how to kill babies. It is wrong and should be wiped out."

As students walked past Storms, he asked if there were any Christians on this campus to stand by him, when one student said that she was a Catholic but had to go to class he was angered and replied with, "Lots of Catholics molest little children."

Many passing students

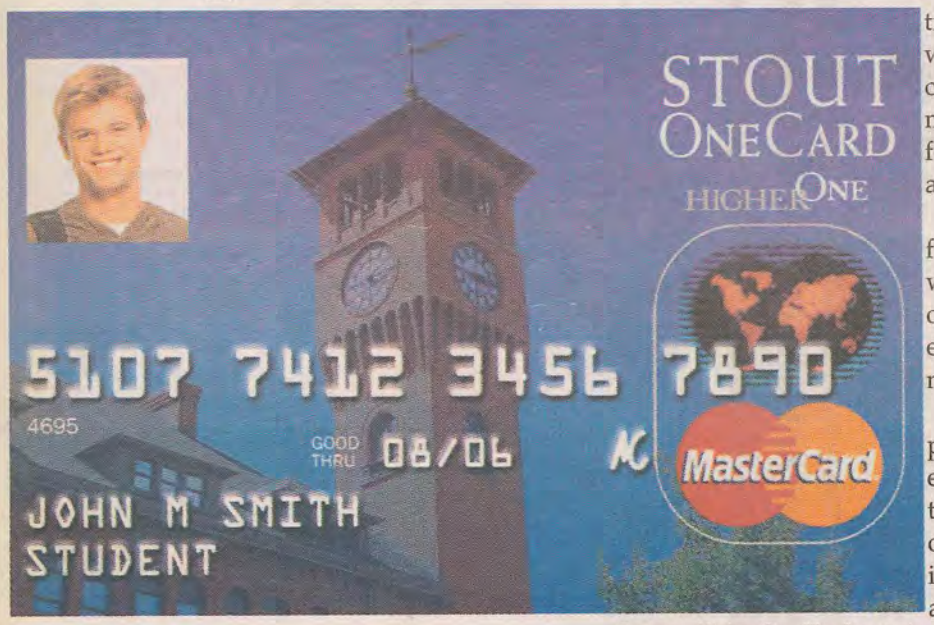
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by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

A member of the Missionaies of the Preborn, Jason Storms, stands out side Micheel's Hall on Tuesday.

Campus identification cards to get makeover



Courtesy Higher One, The Stoutonia

This is the new look of the campus identification cards, scheduled to be released Spring semester 2003.

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

As the University of Wisconsin-Stout becomes more digitally oriented with online class registration, wireless networks and laptops for freshman, yet another aspect of campus life is getting an upgrade: the campus identification card.

Last year, the UW-Stout Campus Card Visioning Team made recommendations that would give campus cards more flexibility for faculty, staff and students.

A request for proposals was then sent out to all interested local and national banks.

"These proposals were evaluated through various criteria, including cost and level of service," said John Enger, executive director of university relations.

Higher One, a bank based in Connecticut that specializes in financial solutions for universities, won the bid.

By spring semester, every UW-Stout student will have received his or her new Stout OneCard.

The biggest change will be the addition of a cost-free option to activate the MasterCard check card feature on every card.

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Scheduled for Jan. 10-Feb. 10, 2003, phase one of this changeover will separate the the debit, baseline dining, baseline plus and flexline accounts. Tentatively, financial aid refunds will be made automatically using the Stout OneCard service.

After all registers on campus are updated, phase two will begin. It will integrate the debit, baseline plus and flexline accounts into the singular OneAccount. This phase is scheduled from Feb. 10 to April 14, 2003. Direct deposit into a student employee's OneAccount will begin during this time and current campus identification cards will be deactivated on March 1, 2003.

The final phase, projected for the fall of 2003, will make tuition and other bills payable through a student's Stout OneCard.

"Instead of carrying around a purse or wallet, all you'll need is one card," said Chris LaConte, a student representative on the UW-Stout Project Team that is working with Higher One.

So far, the university plans to install two more ATM machines on campus. There will also be a deposit box in the student center for paper checks.

Because the Stout OneCard system will be completely and securely web-managed, faculty, staff and students will have total

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Career Conference offers many job opportunities



by Andrea Nies, The Stoutonia

Shanon Lehrke, a senior in technical communications, attends the annual Career Conference and speaks to company representatives.

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia

"If I was a student, I would go to the conference all three days to expand my knowledge of many ares,"said Cheryl Lowery of the co-op and placement services. "Some students only search for employers within their major."

This week was the 24th annual Career Conference, which is located in the Memorial Student Center. Over 200 companies attended the three days, with opportunities for getting a full time job, co-operative or internship.

Danielle Drouillard a junior in business, attended the confrence Tuesday. She was looking for a summer internship. Drouillard spoke to employers and asked about saught characteristics of good employees.

"The Target employers are offering summer internships," said Drouillard. "They are looking for individuals with strong leadership qualities."

Employers used the Career Conference to promote their job opportunities and to pre-screen applicants for co-op and full-time positions before hiring.

"Are you sure [Tuesday] was art and design day?" asked Andrea Avery, a sophomore in studio art asked

Avery would like to see more opportunities for art and design students offered at the Career Confrence.

"I was dissappointed. I hoped to see more employers with internships, such as museums," said Avery.

University of Wisconsin-Stout students and guests from all grade levels were encouraged to attend the Career Conference, which was free to all UW-Stout students.

"I attended the Career Confrence last year as a sophomore," said Drouillard. "I would advise students to be aware of what to ask employers."

The conference consisted of booths and tables manned by recruiters and other representatives from each organization. Many employers sent alumni representatives, of who wore blue alumni buttons.

"Talk to the alumni. They love to talk," said Lowery. "They have taken the same classes that students are now taking."

Employer displays varied from simple setups with brochures and business cards to elaborate setups with interactive displays, videos and posters.

Each employer had a team of representatives ready to answer any questions a student had.

GaoNou Young a graduate student in guidance and counseling was satisfied with the conference.

"The conference was very informative and I was happy with the amount of employers," said Young.

The co-op and placement services urged students to prepare for the conference. They urged students to do some research on companies prior to approaching them for information. Many of the attending employer websites can be accessed through the placement and co-op services website, www.uwstout.edu/place.

The website suggested many possible questions a student could ask, such as types career opportunities, what a company looks for when hiring and importantly how to contact for more information.

"When last year hit, the economy took a turn. There are not as many employers looking out there," Lowery said. "Students need to look harder for jobs; they won't be handed to them on a platter to them like they were in the past."

The questions asked at the Career Conference depend upon individual goals. Students interested in finding out about a particular career field should ask generalized questions about working within the industry.

Those seeking career or co-op opportunities with a specific employer should focus questions on the application and interview process, and ask for specific information about that employer.

Women In Black protest possible war inIraq

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia

A group of silent women unified, by their clothing as well as their message, stand below the clock tower on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus. Called the Women in Black (WIB), they have held silent vigils for the past two Fridays in protest of the possible war in Iraq.

"We wear black to represent those in mourning for those who have been lost in conflicts," said Marian Lang, the founder of the Menomonie Women in Black group. "We are united as a group, and don't want to be identified by our clothing."

WIB is an international peace network, and functions as a way of mobilizing and formulating action.

The vigils began in 1988 by women protesting against Israel's occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. Woman in Black has spread to many parts of the United States, England, Italy, Spain, Australia, Azerbaijan and in the former Yugoslavia.



Contributed Photo

An ant-war group called the Women in Black stands along Main Street, Menomonie with signs to silently protest.

The local founder, Lang, was introduced to the group through vigils held in Scotland in response to the conflict between Palestine and Israel.

"It is important for women to have an equal voice, which is often not seen in our politics," said Lang.

Belinda Lewis is a senior in technology education and the youngest member of the WIB. She stands as a liaison between students and the group. Students are encouraged to attend the Friday vigils, held from noon until 1:00 p.m. Each Friday, one member hands out fliers and is open to speak to anyone interested.

"We have been received very well by students," said Lewis. "Just Friday three students told me that I helped change their minds. Students want to know more and are only getting one side from the media."

Lewis wants her actions and involvement to be seen by students to show them that it is time to get active. If unable to directly stand with the group, students are encouraged to wear black on Fridays to show support.

"Coming from a larger town, I enjoy getting a world view from a small town," said Lewis. "All the politics that affect the world affect Menomonie too. We are young, and it's time to get active."

The group chooses to be silent, because the silence

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appeared offended by the images as well. Some voiced that choice should be open in certain situations, including rape and incest.

The group urges women who are thinking about abortion to consider other options, such as adoption. A group member named Michael Jon spoke of his adopted child. As well, Storms spoke of the need for social improvement.

"If there was basic morality, women wouldn't be raped," said Storms.

Corbett Laubignat, a senior in vocational rehabilitation felt compelled on Wednesday to assert her own feelings. She sat near the missionaries chanting the message on her sign that read, "All I want is the right to choose."

"I'm not one who stays quiet for anything," said Laubignat. "I had to represent the other side."

Laubignat's actions inspired other students to join her cause. Students took



it upon themselves to also make signs.

"Some people claim to be pro-life, but aren't doing anything about it."said Jon while passing out fliers.

Jon also had two of his children with him, helping him hand out fliers with statistics and graphic color images of aborted babies. The group urges that the media should not censor images of abortion.

The flier says, "Most believe the myth that abortion is just the removal of benign tissue. These photographs expose just how mythical such thinking is."

Jon said, "I agree it is disgusting. There are no pretty pictures of murder."

Jon admitted that many students on campuses the group has visited criticize him for having his two children hand out these fliers.

"Children can see, as if black and white, that killing babies is wrong," said Jon.



by Russ Bowers The Stoutonia

Above, the Missionaries of the Unborn with signs. Below is the group's van, which doubles as a billboard.

The Missionaries to the Preborn have already visited the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire this past week and plan to visit the University of Wisconsin-Lacrosse Thursday. The group originated in Milwaukee, Wisc. and have a web site, www.missionariesstopreborn.com.

The group calls this campaign The American Holocaust Photo Display, compairing abortion in America to the atrocities of the Holocaust. "So it is in America today, we all stand guilty for being silent while this atrocity goes on in our nation," said the flier.

Jon said, "The material has been received well, but many students just don't want to talk about it or think it's just disgusting."

Angela Bejblik, a junior of Hospitality and Tourism was appalled.

She said,"They made their point, but those images really affected me."

Iraq forum held at UW-Stout

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

With an impressive turnout of about 70 people, the University of Wisconsin-Stout social sciences department sponsored a forum last Thursday night on the United States' involvement in Iraq.

Advertised as "Perspective on Iraq: The Wisdom of Intervention," the discussion was to provide attendees with a variety of perspectives and an opportunity for dialogue on issues surrounding current concerns on Iraq.

Those in attendance ranged from the UW-Stout student looking for extra-credit to the concerned Menomonie citizen and war veteran.

Alec Kirby, assistant professor of American history and government, spoke first about the background of American and Iraqi relations.

"A lot of us are unaware of what's going on," said Kirby.

He stressed the importance of each American citizen making an informed response and decision regarding military action in Iraq, and looking at history as a lesson for the future.

"The U.S. is a world super-power with super-responsibility," said Kirby.

Robert Zeidel, also of the UW-Stout social sciences department, made the argument that Saddam Hussein, president of Iraq, is only one-third the force of evil the Bush administration says he is.

Zeidel described Hussein as "a petty tyrant in his own backyard" with no links to major terror groups.

"Iraq's weapons of mass destruction are controlled by



by John Harsdorf The Stoutonia

Attendants of the forum on Iraq listen intently to the perspectives presented.

Although the forum at UW-Stout only presented opposing views to action in Iraq, President Bush addressed the nation Monday night on his views of the Iraqi threat to peace.

"While there are many dangers in the world, the threat from Iraq stands alone because it gathers the most serious dangers of our age in one place," the president said in response to the question of why Iraq is different from other countries or regimes that have destructive weapons.

"Iraq's weapons of mass destruction are controlled by a murderous tyrant who has already used chemical weapons to kill thousands of people. This same tyrant has tried to dominate the Middle East, has invaded and brutally occupied a small neighbor, has struck other nations without warning, and holds an unrelenting hostility toward the United States."

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itself is a strong but gentle statement.

"It recognizes that people have their own opinions," said Lang.

"I have been in protests with yelling, but they just are not effective," said Lang. "We have to have respect as well as a connection with each other."

"In protesting Vietnam, we were working from good intentions, but our country became polarized," she said. "Those soldiers who went to fight felt unappreciated by the fighting going on at home about their placement. I don't want to do that again, and our country is still healing."

"We can come to understand non-violence through this, said Lang. "This is a new phase in my life. We must learn to balance action with peace."

The ever growing group, which began as one person now includes 14 people, collectively collaborating to brainstorm messages that speak for them while they are silent.

A sign says, "Leaders should lead to peace, not war," while another reads, "Violence at home is connected to violence in Iraq."

Lang feels as though violence is seen in many areas of the world, beginning in American homes, and reflects onto relationships all around the world.

"The acceptance of violence outwardly causes it to accelerate in families; it affects how we treat each other and the earth," said Lang.

The group has received different reactions from those who pass. Some shake their heads and claim "They attacked us first," while others readily support the message with enthusiasm. The group urges individuals to learn more of these issues, and seek many sources for a broad range of views.

"There is more of a grassroots sentiment against the war than there is in Congress," said Lang.

"We come together in times of crisis, said Lang. " We strive on the positive energy we feel when coming together. The best action to take is to live peace.

A peace pole is located along the southern side of Lake Menomin in a pocket park. It was given as a gift from a Japanese Delegation to the city of Menomonie more than ten years ago.

Two sides of the pole display writing that upholds the ideals of peace.

"No one remembers why they came, and none of the delegation spoke English," said Lang. "It was a gift from a nation we were once at war with. It was an unexpected gift, and stands as a symbol of a recognition of peace."

Land said, "This just shows that regular people everywhere want peace. This makes a direct connection with WIB in hoping for peace at home.

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control over how their card is used. After the new cards are sent out, each holder will have to go online to activate it as their official UW-Stout identification card. Beyond that, all features are optional and the website will walk users through the choices.

"There are tremendous efficiencies in this system," said Joe Krier, director of budget and technical services for UW-Stout student life services.

The website will be launched in a few weeks and will look similar to that of the University of Houston's (UH) CougarOne site, http://www.cougarone.com. UH is one of Higher One's clients and offers services similar to what the Stout OneCard will offer.

Special features on the website will include a way for parents to add funds to a student's card, as well as a way for students to transfer funds between OneAccounts.

For example, if a student owes another student money and they both have their OneAccount activated, this debt could be paid online.

With more financial features being attached to the campus identification card, security will become a larger issue.

With the debit feature activated, a lost card holds more power for an ill-willed finder.

"Students will have to look at this card differently. It's more than just an ID," said Krier.

Soon, the Stout OneCard will be heavily advertised across campus. Sometime in January or February, faculty, staff and students will receive an envelope containing their new card.

The campus community is warned to carefully look over their mail during this time so that the envelope is not mistakenly discarded as an unwanted credit card application.

"We are pleased with this arrangement, which is yet another innovative way of serving our students," UW-Stout Chancellor Charles Sorensen said in a press release. "UW-Stout has been a leader in change for higher education and this arrangement is a good fit for us."

Mystery revealed

Tina Barthold
The Stoutonia

Look in the sky - it's a bird; it's a plane; it's. . . a helicopter that seems to constantly circle the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus.

Last Tuesday, Ed Jacober, a broadcast specialist, hired the services of EAC Helicopters from St. Paul to take pictures of the campus grounds.

The helicopter circled the university for three hours.



Courtesy of, ww.nsystems.com/ airborne.html

The KSTP Channel 5 helicoptercircled UW-Stout.

The last time UW-Stout had aerial footage taken of the campus was twelve years ago. Although it would be easy to question the necessity of the event, students feel that benefits outweigh the costs.

While it may not seem important now, the pictures of today will become the historical heritage of the future generations.

"It is important to keep records current, even if it is at a substantial cost to the university," said Nick Larsen, a sophomore in graphic communications management.

Many students and staff were confused by the helicopter's purpose. The Channel 5 logo on the side of the helicopter led them to believe that the campus was being video taped for a news story. However, it was only Learning Technology Service's video shoot.

"We will be using this generic footage for advertisements for admissions videos and television ad campaigns," said Rosemary Jacobson, director of radio and television.

Not only has there been a helicopter, but this Wednesday, there were people in a truck taking ground video shots. Your face could be plastered in UW-Stout's advertisement campaigns for the next 10 years!

Dave Theobald, a senior in construction, said, "It would be funny to watch a Stout commercial and see a little me run around on the screen."



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Free speech: the good, the bad, the ugly

In case anyone missed it this week, there was quite the pro-life demonstration on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus. Demonstrators were out in full force with pictures of aborted fetuses and placards with various slogans on them.

As with any demonstration, people who believed otherwise were incensed; being that the issue at hand was abortion, incensed might be putting it lightly.

Many students were upset and angered by what they felt was an inappropriate display of free speech and assembly.

But we all have to remember that what we witnessed was indeed protected by the First Amendment. Vans with mutilated fetuses and signs saying that pro-choice advocates were going to hell are all protected by the First Amendment.

If we are to embrace our freedoms, we must take the good with the bad. We cannot have a double standard when it comes to liberty and basic rights.

Now I know there are a lot of people who would like it if they would never have to hear about the abortion issue, and probably a few more who would prefer to not have leaflets shoved in their faces as they walk.

But, as hard as it is to say, that is the price for living in America.

And remember something else: we also have to right to make our opinions heard. There were a few who even challenged these demonstrators by either protesting or writing in to *The Stoutonia's* letter page.



Next time you have to witness an expression of free speech that you do not agree with, just remember, that is all it is. Just because someone says something does not mean it will change you, your beliefs or that you even have to listen to it.

Why I didn't stand with the demonstrators



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

As I walked to class on Tuesday, I was probably as shocked as anyone at the pro-life demonstrators.

I doubt that I was shocked for the same reasons as everyone else though. I wasn't shocked by the graphic photos of aborted children. As a strong believer in the pro-life movement, I am familiar with these savage images.

No, I was shocked with something else. I was shocked by the attitude of the demonstrators.

When I walked past them again on Wednesday, I heard one of them shout, "Where are all the Christians on this campus? Why do they not stand with us?"

While I can't speak for all the Christians on this campus, I will hopefully speak for some of us. I didn't stand beside the demonstrators because they were quite simply not something that reflected Christianity.

One of the most basic principles of Christianity can be found in 1 John 4:8 where it says that "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love."

I think many would agree that the way the demonstrators presented their message, no matter how relevant it may be, it was not shown in love, thus negating their purpose and possibly turning many more from the pro-life message and Christianity than before they came.

And this is what disappoints me the greatest. Everyday of my life I live to be an example to others of what a life in Christ can be and the joy I have from being a Christian. I'm afraid that this example was overshadowed on Tuesday and Wednesday by the lack of respect and lack of love shown by these people.

To be honest, I can't think that the demonstrators really believed they were changing anyone's minds. Yes, we were talking about the demonstrators presence on our campus, but were we talking about the issue of abortion, or just the fact that these people were demeaning everyone they saw?

I just hope that now that these people are gone, we can look past the damage they may have done. If you really want to learn what a Christian thinks about abortion, ask one. Don't let the message sent by a few be the answer to a question you never ask.

There are not enough good reasons to go to war with Iraq



WILLPOWER
William Christenson

I've heard lately that our president, George W. Bush, is planning on invading Iraq soon, so I thought that I would share my thoughts and opinions on this subject before I get drafted and have to move to Canada.

First of all, I should mention that I attended the discussion about the war on Iraq that was recently held here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, and I found it very interesting and thought-provoking.

My view on war has always been that it will never, ever, be able to solve any problem. Killing people will never make them obey you; it will only create more people who dislike you.

This should pretty obvious by now, since humans have been waging war on each other for thousands of years, and we still have problems. If it solved anything, we would be living in a utopia by now.

I had this same problem with the so-called "War on Terror," since by trying to hunt down terrorists, America will only create more people who see us as savage barbarians, and create more people willing to try to attack us.

Not only would going to war be ineffective, it would be

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Letters to the Editor

Abortion demonstrations

Dear Students and Staff of UW-Stout:

And now for the King of Controversy…me! What is up with all of the holy rollers practically tackling me while on campus to "educate" me about abortion, and the New Testament, and whatever else about the Lord our "savior". Now I realize I'm probably going to hell because I'm pro choice, I haven't ever read the Bible, I scowl at the thought of religion, I don't want to go to war with Iraq, how I don't buy into "One nation, UNDER GOD", etc, etc, etc., and how I don't graciously except these "educational" materials that these leeches are handing out.

Basically my point is this. Why do these people feel they need to enforce their beliefs and religion on me when I'm not walking around campus yelling, *"I DON'T BELIEVE IN GOD…AND YOU SHOULDN'T EITHER!!!"* Granted, I have decided to write this letter, but I'm finally frustrated enough to where I decided to give my two cents. I believe what I want to, and you believe what you want…BUT QUIT TRYING TO CONVERT ME. Honestly, I'm comfortable with who I am and where I'm at. Just because I don't care to hear about your religion does not mean I'm a fiery inferno on the inside! I'm not a mean person, but I have decided to quit being polite and tell those "non-profit solicitors" where they can really put that abortion flyer, and/or New Testament. I respect your beliefs…it's time for you to respect mine.

I'm sure I have ruffled some feathers, and upset some very good people, but this was not my intention. I simply decided to exercise my freedom of speech in the same way these other people do. And for those of you who are burning up from my letter…you are experiencing what I feel when I get a copy of the New Testament shoved in my face (four different times) on the way to class AMEN!!!

Jeff Sawyer

To whom it may concern:

I have been going to school here for nearly 2 1/2 years now and I was saddened by the demonstrations on campus on October 8th dealing with abortion. As college students, we are now adults. I believe a woman's body is her own business. I know the topic of abortion is a very hard topic to discuss. To discuss abortion, I believe a forum either online or in-class is much more appropriate then yelling at students and passing out brochures of chewed up babies. Furthermore, abortion is an issue among adults. I was appalled to see 8-10 year old children holding signs of dead children like it was no big deal. I support free speech and I love our country. However, I am vehemently opposed to forcing opinions on one another by pushing brochures in your face every ten feet and advertising death. The people advertising pro-life, can't just state their opinions, they must yell them at people who disagree with them. If students want information on abortion, they have the tools through the university to get that information. The people who were out there demonstrating show no tact in reaching the student body. I am writing this to request some information of the stoutonia, you are a newspaper and a damn good one. Please publish information on the group that was demonstrating on October 8th. Either a mailing address or email. I don't think i am alone in my need to write to them and tell them what an abuse of freedom is. I believe that Stout is a positive organization and I think that with that information the student body could show its disaproval of tasteless demonstrations. We are all adults here. We have all come here to learn in an adult manner. I as well as many other students would appreciate the ability to answer the demonstrating organization in an adult manner, not with brochures and signs of death.

-Luke Metzinger, a concerned student.

Dear Mr. Metzinger and Mr. Sawyer:

Thank you for writing in and voicing your concern. *The Stoutonia* letters page should be viewed as a forum to express yourself and to address issues of concern that you as students have.

For *The Stoutonia's* position on this topic, please see this week's editorial.

Matt Tracy
Opinions Editor

Police and house parties

Dear Stoutonia Editors,

I was wondering if the Stoutonia would do a story about the recent surge in police action to ticket party houses. It seems that two-thirds of the parties thrown have been busted and ticketed in the last few weeks. It seems pretty strange to me that the Menomonie Police department waits until they double the fine for supplying to minors before they start to enforce partying laws. What are they trying to accomplish? It appears that they are trying to make some easy money off UW-Stout students. The amount of the tickets being issued is so ridiculously high that it could be argued as cruel and unusual punishment. Does the Menomonie police department not see anything wrong with giving one person a ticket that equals a full semesters tuition here at Stout? Do they not realize that they take away in one night, what takes us a full month to earn with a full time job?

I fully understand that supplying to minors is illegal for very good reasons. Many minors are very irresponsible when they consume alcohol. That is why I believe that some of the Menomonie Police's intentions are good. But I strongly believe that what they are doing will only hurt the situation. Right now, the party houses are relatively close to campus providing a short and safe walk for Stout students. As parties get busted, they will start to spread further and further away from campus to provide safety from police intervention. This will make some students choose to drive their cars to parties during those cold winter nights, endangering their lives and the lives of others.

I hope the Stoutonia chooses to pursue this story because there are many questions that need answers regarding this issue.

Patrick Oss

Laptop memory

I am writing a letter to the editor about my concern for the "Lacking Laptops" article in the October 3, 2002 issue. You made an error in reporting the RAM level of the Apple iBook computers. The computers that the students received this fall from Apple did indeed have 256 MB of RAM. I am concerned that you did not check your facts and have given your readers an inaccurate perception of the Apple laptops.

It was determined early on in the process that students in the GCM program would need to have 256 MB in order to run Virtual PC, Photoshop, Illustrator, Quark and other programs that the GCM program or UW-Stout provides to students in the GCM program. The Apple iBook laptop that students received meets those expectations.

Sincerely,
Jon Sehmer
Lab Manager
Graphic Communications Management Program

Dear Mr. Sehmer:

We apologize for the inaccuracy in reporting the capabilities of the laptops in question. Thank you for your time and dedication to the laptop program.
Matt Tracy
Opinions Editor

More fake news issues

To Matthew J. Tracey

I wrote into the Stoutonia last week regarding my disappointment in the fake news section of the Stoutonia, and I would just like to thank you for making my point more relevant in last weeks article. Your insulting the entire student body shocked me when you said "if any of you employed critical reading skills, you would catch on to this. I'm not gonna feel bad that you are all too stupid to get any of my jokes." I find it quite funny that you are insulting our intelligence even though you attend school herre, you should have a little more professionalism in your writing and respect to the people that pay you. To insult the entire student body because of my letter is inappropriate and unprofessional. I don't know how you think anyone is going to want to support your section after calling us all stupid.

Another issue that really bothered me was what you wrote about the Greeks ant the move-in issue at hand. You said the "nothing changed; they still got screwed." Actually we haven't gotten screwed; the organizations are currently dealing with the issue trying to resolve it in a professional and effective manner. I suggest you get all the information on a subject before you pass your opinions and judgement on to other people; we did not "fly off the handle" we simply responded to an unjust action. It was not "insane" on our part to be upset about it, it was flat out discrimination and that is illegal.

Jackie Isenberg
Member, Delta Zeta Sorority

Dear Ms. Isenberg and anyone upset by this issue:

OK, I knew I was going to get in trouble for that edition of the Fake News. I seriously hope you read the entire article before you wrote this letter. If you did, then the end of the article, where I apologize and get sort of silly, was supposed to make you laugh.

I admit it, the idea here was to be like an Adam Sandler character, specifically Happy Gilmore. It was a character who blows up at people and then quickly apologizes. It was, in effect, and allusion to a popular movie, nothing more.

I am sorry if anyone felt that I was being anything more than a ludacrious character who has a bad temper. And to Ms. Isenberg, I apologize for using your letter as the genisis for this story. Just know, I hold no ill will against you.
Matt Tracy
Opinions Editor

War/staying out of Iraq

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contrary to all the ideals we claim to uphold in America. If we attack another country without provocation, we might as well just openly declare that we care nothing for a person's right to life, unless they are Americans. We intend to take over or obliterate any country that does not share all of our views. All of this sounds very close to Hitler's ideas.

As well as being contrary to the supposed morals of this country, going to war is personally offensive to me. I truly believe that everyone has a right to live, and that no person should be able to decide if another lives or not.

By going to war with Iraq, Bush will simply be reinforcing my belief that he is a warmongering money-grubber, and will be providing just another reason for me to leave this country.

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Profile: Living with a disability

An inside look at the obstacles that student Jamie Friederich has overcome

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia

The long walk to Harvey Hall is tiring enough, but when you have a class on the fourth floor, the stairs seem to reach the heights of the Himalayas. You decide to pack yourself into the sardine can-like elevator filled to capacity, but then a person in a wheelchair approaches the door. Do you get off to accommodate, or watch the door close on them?

Jamie Friederich, a 20-year-old junior in telecommunications, lives a lifestyle unlike that of most students because he is in a wheel chair and he has a really amazing outlook on life.

He was born with Ivemark syndrome. His heart wasn't formed properly, and he doesn't have a main artery going from his heart to his legs. When he was born, the doctors told his parents he probably wouldn't live past one year. Later, specialists said he would never walk or be potty trained.

Friederich accomplished both. He is now the only living person with this extremely rare syndrome.

Four years ago, Friederich got into a terrible car accident coming home from work. A deer jumped out into the road, and as he swerved to miss it, his truck went into a ditch. It rolled three times and he was thrown nearly 80 feet through the window.

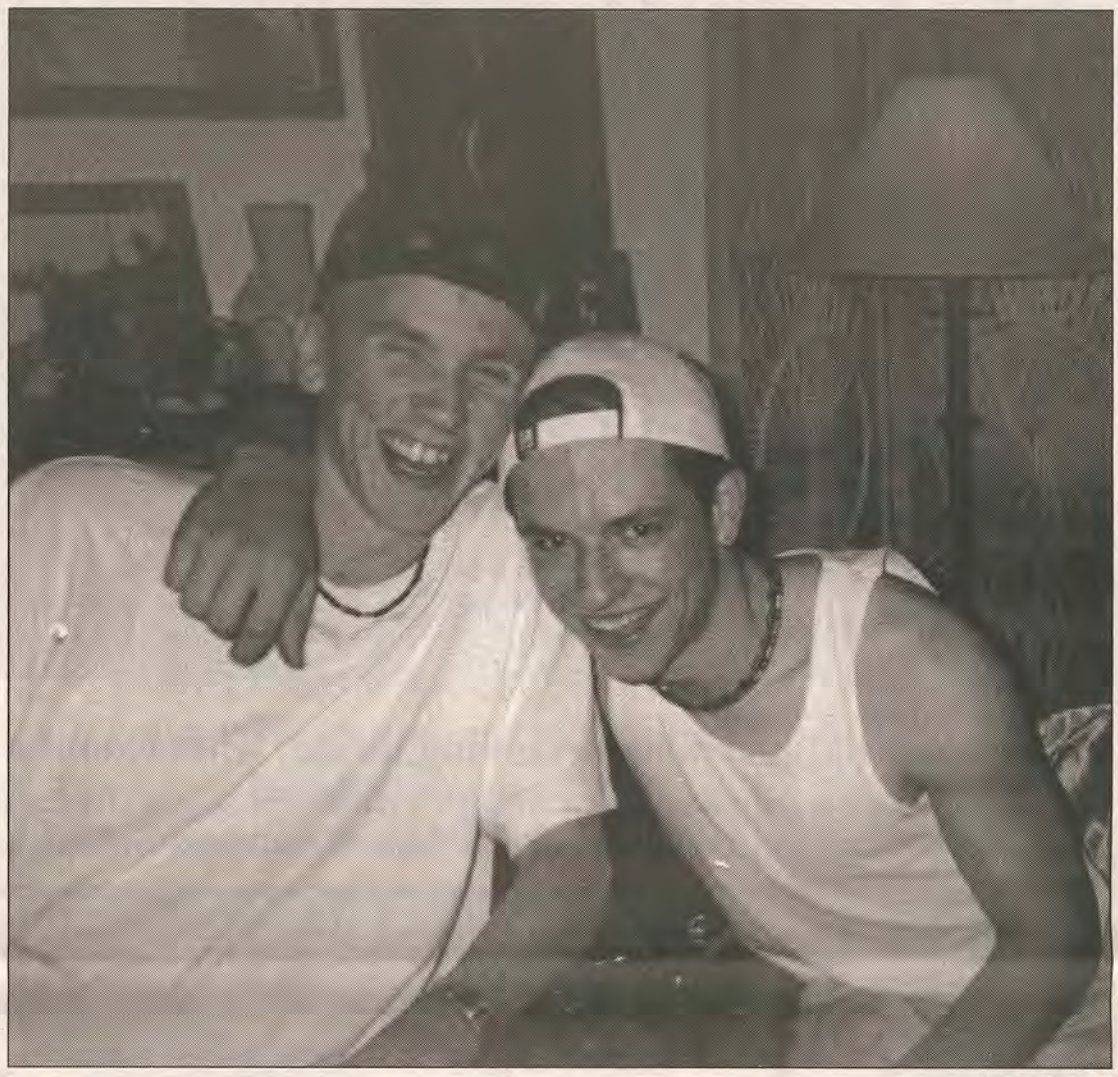
"All I wanted to know was if he was alive or dead," said Nancy Friederich, his mother. "The police said he had been in an accident, but no one knew how bad it was."

Friederich's spinal cord was pinched off, and one of his vertebrae popped out and created a twist around his spine. He is now paralyzed from the waist down, and will spend the rest of his life in his wheel chair.

"I was mad when I found out he was paralyzed because we only had a little over a year left before they were going to fuse his spine," said his mother.

Friedrich stayed in the hospital for over five months; this the majority of his junior year of high school. His mother stayed by his side the entire time. He would have been out in two months, but complications from his first wheel chair left a hole in his leg that almost reached the bone, so he had to get surgery and stay 3 months longer than expected.

Today, talking to Friederich, you wouldn't think he's any different from the next guy. He's very easy going, comfortable to be around and has a lot of fun living life.



submitted photo

Friederich (r) celebrated his birthday in the same fashion as most people his age; with friends and fun. He is pictured above with his friend Jesse Nelson (l).

"After I got in my car accident, I took it as a bump in the road," Friederich said. "I've always been really easy going. That never changed throughout anything."

He doesn't have a lot of problems getting to where he needs to go around campus and is in pretty good physical shape. Occasional ly problems that occur, like the broken elevator in CKTO, the handicap doors not opening and when no one plows the snow.

"For the most part, you ask Stout to do something, and they'll do it," Friederich said.

However, when he needs something, he does have many friends who are always willing to help him with anything.

"Jamie is my very best friend," said Anna Kratochvil, an undecided sophomore. "He probably knows me better than I know myself some days."

*please see **Overcoming**, page 9*

The season of sickness is back with a vengeance

Helpful tips to avoid catching the sickness bug

Mary Mittelstadt
The Stoutonia

Your neighbor is sneezing, and your roommate is coughing uncontrollably. It seems like just about everybody at the University of Wisconsin-Stout is getting sick lately, especially as the weather gets drearier and the temperatures drop.

Lacey Amundson, a freshman in graphic design, visited the Student Health Services when she was sick.

"They asked me if I lived in a dorm and said that was probably why I was sick," Amundson said. "[They also said] to make sure that I wash my hands a lot."

There are many precautions that students can take to prevent sickness and to overcome any illness that may befall them.

"Any group living space [like] college residence halls, Greek housing or shared apartments is an ideal breeding ground for disease, from colds and flu to rarer maladies such as meningitis and tuberculosis," according to "Balance Everything," Sept./Oct. 2001.

Sharing items ranging from CDs to towels with people increases the risks.

One way to fight the germs around us is to receive a flu shot. Flu shots will be available at the Memorial Student Center for ten dollars on Oct. 29 and Nov. 13.

Janice Ramaeker, director of UW-Stout Student Health Services, highly recommends that all students obtain the shot.

"[Flu shots] are more recommended for people in their fifties, but look at student lifestyles," Ramaeker said. "[College students] are at a high risk for flu."

Ramaeker also reiterates that the main causes of students getting sick is the sharing of living areas and belongings, along with high levels of stress because it weakens the immune system. She recommends "a lot of hand washing," to avoid catching an illness.

UW-Stout Student Health Services has already seen a few cases of the strep throat and mono-type issues this year. Most students have been booking appointments at the UW-Stout Student Health Services for sore throats, colds and upper respiratory problems.

When students become sick with cold or flu-like symptoms, they should not expect to go to the clinic to ask for antibiotics; they are of no use against viral infections. Over-the-counter products are the best bet.

RX For Good Health

Wash hands often with soap and hot water

Do not share beverages or towels

Get enough rest

Limit stress

Consume a nutritious diet

Don't smoke

Avoid alcohol, especially already when not feeling well

Use condoms

Get regular exercise

Get a flu shot each fall

Keep a copy of your immunization record to know which diseases you're protected against

According to Balance Everything Sept./Oct. 2001 and Healthy Students Self-Care Guide 2002

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Campus Slant

"Who is your favorite guy named Paul?"



"Paul Yenish."
~Amanda Hebert,
Sr., business



"Paul Douglass;
he tells me what to wear."
~Pat Doty
Fr., technical education



"Paul Johnson;
cause my mother
says I'm special!"
~Paul
Johnson
Jr.,
manufacturing
engineering

"Paul Kuittem
cause he's short
and gets all the
chicks."
~Sara
Goodman
Soph., interior
design



Next Week:

"If you could pick a homecoming theme, what would it be?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

The Fake News

Article ruins paychecks

The Paycheck system is uprooted due to a *Stoutonia* editorial

Barry Macklimuck
The Stoutonia

Thanks in part to an article written in *The Stoutonia* on Sept. 26, student payroll will be totally screwed up for the next couple of weeks.

"Beginning with Oct. 11, and for the immediate future ALL STUDENT PAYROLL CHECKS MUST BE PICKED UP IN ROOM 203 OF THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, this is the Human Resources Office." This was the message from the University of Wisconsin-Stout addressing the issue.

"Man, if *The Stoutonia* hadn't printed that stupid article, I wouldn't have to walk all the way up to (the Administration building)," said Cuinn Peters. "I don't want to walk that far, but I have to, cause I'm broke."

This change comes after it was pointed out in a *Stoutonia* opinions piece that the university might be putting student's social security numbers in jeapordy. The article asserted that private student information was too easily accessed under the former system of student paycheck disbursement.

"I guess I don't want people looking at my social security number," said sophomore James Daimler. "But now I have to wait in what I'm sure will be one hell of a line in what is a relatively small area."

Many students were curious as to why the University has chosen this new route. Some do not understand that a total reversal of a practice that has been going on for years will take some planning.

"While we investigate processes that will maintain the privacy of this information, we will not be distributing student payroll checks at the Student Center," said the mass email that students received on Oct. 9.

Some UW-Stout students remain dubious as to why there will be so much confusion about the process.

"Yeah, I'm sure it'll take a lot of planning to put pieces of paper in envelopes," said John Harsdorf, a senior at UW-Stout. "This is just like the university to have to 'investigate' how to do something that everyone else seems to know how to do."



by Kandie Pittlestand, The Stoutonia

University employees wait in the long lines that extend down to the streets outside of Bowman Hall.

Until UW-Stout decides how to handle paycheck disbursement, students will continue to be angered at *The Stoutonia* for running the meddlesome article.

"If the newspaper weren't so good at what they do, this wouldn't be such a hassle," said Harsdorf. "Yeah, social security numbers are important, but I bet no one gave a crap until that stupid article came out. Thanks for nothing!"

"Why the religious intolerance?"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

One of the greatest things about college is the late night discussions that explore the depths of the human intellectual. A popular topic of choice is religious and spiritual beliefs.

This is one of my favorite subjects; by explaining my beliefs and hearing others, I find that I grow spiritually and understand a little bit more about myself. The idea of an absolute allows for such a variation in beliefs that it is improbable that two people have all of the same convictions. This diversity makes for a great debate.

Problems arise when people take a difference in opinion to offense and start defending their beliefs. An intellectual debate of unprovable ideas turns into a crossfire of "I'm right and you're wrong."

Religious beliefs have always been a sensitive and controversial subject, and controversy always seems to brew intolerance.

Within the past decades there has been a growth towards a new-age religion, which encompasses a personalized-belief system.

I was brought up in a traditional-Lutheran church and learned all of the fundamentals of the Bible, but then opted to break from that and have begun to form my own deviations of beliefs. I still see myself as a Christian, but I have a more personalized definition.

There are many religious denominations that go out to spread the Word of God. This campus has encountered the people in suits stoping students to talk to them about God, the people that hand out the green testaments and more recently, the extremist anti-abortionists. Some students may stop to hear what they have to say; some might debate, but most walk by quickly with eyes averted.

People then talk about how they cannot stand when people shove their beliefs down their throats.

I say, quit being so damn intolerant and accept that people may have a different opinion. You have the ultimate right to your personal beliefs.

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Overcoming/the odds

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One of Friederich's biggest problems on campus is the elevator in Harvey Hall. It's always packed with people who, instead of getting out, just try to squish closer together to make room for him.

"You can't sweat the little stuff though," Friederich said. "If someone wants to be ignorant enough to not get off the elevators, it's just stupid."

Some people are closed minded about Friederich because they simply don't understand or know how to act around someone with his disability. Younger kids don't have a problem with being curious and asking what happened to him, but parents immediately worry their child is going to offend him.

"I find, the older you get, the more closed-minded you are," Friederich said. "It's very hard to offend me."

Most of the time he doesn't have a problem with people trying to offend him, but because he hangs out at open house parties and around a lot of non-handicap people, sometimes people do make comments about the way he lives his life.

"It doesn't bother me when people say stuff about me," Friederich said. "But when people say stuff about my friends in wheel chairs, that's when I get pissed."

Not only does the university accommodate Friederich, but the Greek community does also. Friederich is associating with Phi Sigma Phi.

"Everyone I met at Phi Sig has bent over backwards to help me in one way or another," said Friederich.

He feels accepted, not only by the brothers of the fraternity, but also by other Greek members, alumni, and friends that he has met at the Phi Sigma Phi house.

"I think it takes a lot of balls for him to go out and do what everyone else is doing," said Chris Wright, a sophomore in manufacturing engineering and a member of Phi Sigma Phi. "He shows a lot of pride."

In the Greek society Wright is considered Friederich's big brother.



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Friederich and friend Sue Weidner pose in an embrace at band graduation two years earlier.

Friederich decided to get involved with the Greek system for many reasons, one of them being that he had two sisters and he's never had any brothers.

"He's the coolest kid that I've met," said John Guillen, a sophomore in marketing and a good friend of Friederich. "He knows he's handicapped, but doesn't let it stop him from anything."

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the charts

Top 10 Albums

1. Elvis Presley - "#1 Hits"
2. Dixie Chicks - "Home"
3. Avril Lavigne - "Let Go"
4. Disturbed - "Believe"
5. Nelly - "Nellyville"
6. India.Arie - "Voyage"
7. Eminem - "The Eminem Show"
8. Beck - "Sea Change"
9. Peter Gabriel - "Up"
10. Nas - "The Lost Tapes"

Top 10 Movies

1. "Red Dragon"
2. "Sweet Home Alabama"
3. "The Tuxedo"
4. "My Big Greek Wedding"
5. "Barbershop"
6. "Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie"
7. "The Banger Sisters"
8. "The Four Feathers"
9. "Moonlight Mile"
10. "One Hour Photo"

Top 10 TV Shows

1. "Friends"
2. "CSI"
3. "E.R."
4. "Everybody Loves Raymond" Thursday special
5. "Everybody Loves Raymond"
6. "CSI: Miami"
7. "Scrubs"
8. "Survivor: Thialand"
9. "Will and Grace"
10. "Frasier"

Top 10 Books

1. "Nights in Rodanthe" - Nicholas Sparks
2. "The Lovely Bones"- Alice Seibold
3. "Blessings" - Anna Quindlen
4. "The Red Rabbit" - Tom Clancy
5. "Killjoy" - Julie Garwood
6. "Lullaby" - Chuck Palahniuk
7. "Dune: The Butlerian Jihad" - Brian Herbert
8. "Shrink Rap" - Robert B. Parker
9. "The Nannie Diaries" - Emma McLauglin
10. "Morgawr: The Voyage of Jerle Shannara" - Alan Furst

according to Entertainment Weekly

UPCOMING EVENTS

Susan Werner
vocalist
Oct. 12 @ 8 p.m.
Mabel Tainter

Daniel Tosh
comedian
Oct. 16 @ 8 p.m.
Great Hall

Unified Front
modern rock band
Oct. 18 @ 7 p.m.
Blind Munchies Coffehouse

Mark Mallman
keyboard-based rock
Oct. 23 @ 8 p.m.
Huff's

A weekend for the soul



MindTRIP
Tiffany Laschinger

I grasp the hands of my neighbor and we stand in silence. Our eyes are locked in an unbreakable gaze, opening a window to our souls.

I find her true self in her aging eyes.



I look past her self-constructed shadows and see the woman not many know, yet we don't make a sound.

I squeeze her hands and move on to the next person in line.

This exercise was part of the closing ceremony to the moving and spiritual experience I had while attending the Body, Mind and Spirit conference this weekend.



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

Exhibitors promoted spiritual and healing techniques in the Grand Ballroom for the event.

The conference was held in the student center, and was attended by students and adults from around the state. Some came from as far as New Mexico to present and experience the powerful discussions. Many of the speakers were affiliated with either medicine or psychology. Most students attending the conference were looking to gain credit for the weekend.

Six years ago, Body, Mind and Spirit was created by Bob Salt, a professor in the human development department, and Tom Franklin, a professor in the psychology department. The two friends decided to organize a confer-

*please see **Spirit**, page 12*

Strange name, impressive eats



RestaurantREVIEW
David Zill

For those tired of the same four walls of Menomonie, a trip to the Mall of America in Bloomington, Minn. offers that quick one-stop escape. However, some might overlook the mall's many restaurants in the sea of shopping delight.

Choosing a restaurant may be difficult, but Tucci Benucch (pronounced too-chee ben-ooch), an Italian eatery, is one not to miss. Located on the first floor, the restaurant transports you from the madness of credit cards, cash and heavy bags to serenity with quality dining.

Entering the restaurant, I was met with the tranquility of mahogany-colored walls lined with bottles of wine. The atmosphere was surrounded by the rich aroma of Italian spices and the murmur of chattering diners. Tables were placed close to each other, but not crowded. The lighting was appropriately dim.

After being seated, I was greeted with a basket of fresh, sourdough bread served with olive oil. The bread was so soft that with the addition of the oil, it melted in my mouth. I could have eaten the bread alone.

The menu contained an adequate amount of selections. It offered a full page of wines as well as many imported beers. Dinners included a variety of traditional dishes like spaghetti, ravioli and chicken cacciatore. Prices were moderate; choosing an entrée by cost alone was not difficult since most dishes were $14.95.

Dinners were served ala carte, so soup or salad was extra. All recipes were made from scratch. Minestrone soup is served daily, as well as a featured soup.

I had the minestrone, and the fresh taste was unbelievable. The flavor was robust with just the right amount of seasoning.

For dinner, I had linguine with clams in a white-wine broth. The taste was fantastic. Fresh cracked pepper and grated parmesan cheese added the perfect touch.

I found that the wait staff was neat and friendly. At times, service was sluggish, but they made up for this with their impeccable quality.

Tucci Benucch is a great place to take your date after you have treated her to a day of shopping, or to impress your mom while she is visiting. You will make such an impression that you might not have to pay the bill!



Courtesy of: www.leye.com

A tranquil setting and tasty entrees at Tucci Benucch adds fine Italian dining to the Mall of America.

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Body, Mind, Spirit / leaves impact on participants

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ence to share their enthusiasm for spirituality with others in the university and the surrounding communities.

The keynote speakers addressed subjects like compassion, imagination and health and the power of prayer in healing. It was hard not to be affected by their powerful speeches.

Dr. Annis Sheik started the conference with an all-day discussion on the power of imagery. He then helped us with a guided meditation.

During Dr. Larry Dossey's talk on the power of prayer and the practice of medicine, people were wiping tears from their eyes while reflecting on the images of multicultural prayer around the world. He did not give an ethnocentric view on a particular religion, but stressed that the core idea of prayer is just to communicate with an Absolute.

"Prayer and healing do not just belong to a specific religion, but the entire human race," said Dossey.

His wife, Barbara Dossey R.N., captivated the audience with her heartfelt confession of her daddy's death. We all felt her pain as she paused to compose herself. From this, she was able to illustrate the compassion she and her father received from the medical staff to make this painful transition more bearable.



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

The labyrinth was the metaphorical symbol for the Body, Mind and Spirit conference last weekend. Attendees were invited to walk the maze and meditate.

We also attended individual workshops on personal interest topics. Feng Shui, wisdom from world religions, healing the heart and hypnotherapy were just a few examples of the 31 workshops that were available. These sessions allowed people the opportunity to share personal accounts of spiritual experiences.

The symbol for the weekend was the labyrinth, a metaphor of continuous spiritual journey. A life-sized labyrinth was set up in the Terrace for people to walk on and reflect upon their own journey. Something as simple as walking the maze-like circle allowed me to quietly meditate and contemplate my own spiritual journey.

Everyone seemed to wear a serene look of bliss . Each speaker and discussion made them further recognize the power they have within themselves.

Religion was never a main topic, but merely a brush-by point that was used to illustrate different forms of spirituality. We were guided to find our own spiritual significance in our lives, whatever the medium may be. There was a general feeling of love and acceptance between all participants.

Just like in the closing exercise where we looked in each others' eyes, this conference allowed us to look past the shadows and see each others true self.

MON., OCT. 14

- Scavenger Hunt
- Penny Wars
- Blackjack
- 1920's Dance & Costume Competition

TUE., OCT. 15

- Mini Carnival
- Smash a Car For A Buck
- Cakewalk
- Bake Sale
- Soapbox Derby Races

WED., OCT. 16

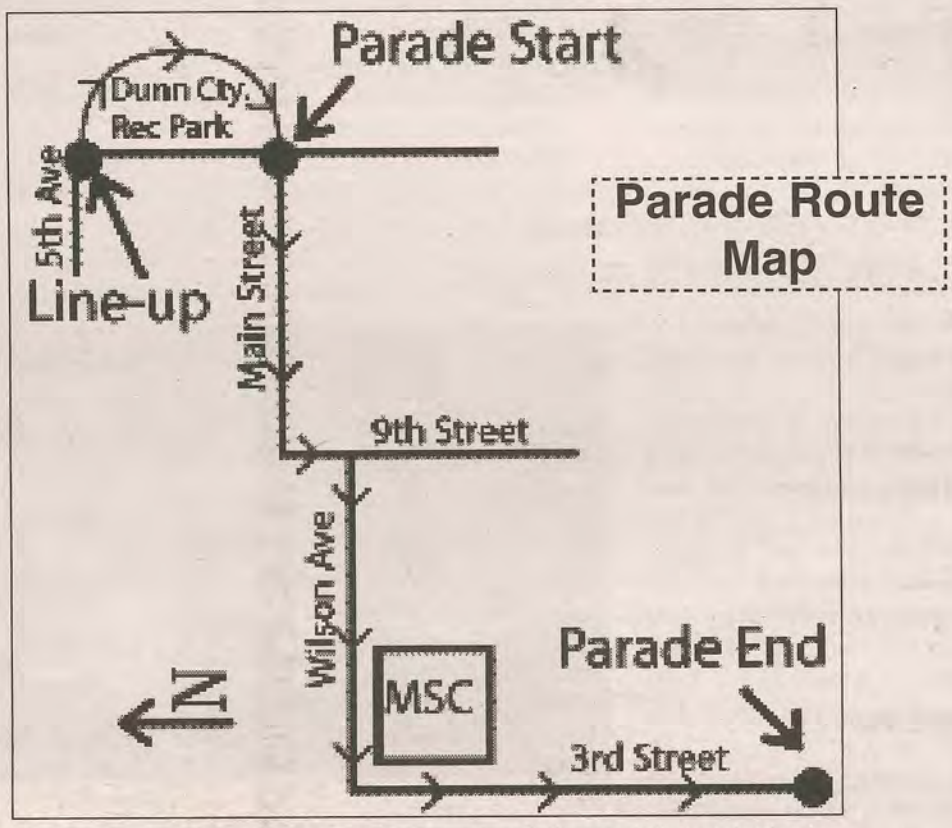
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- Candy Jar Guessing Game
- Quarters for Quarter Miles
- 1920's Clue Race
- Scavenger Hunt &

FRI., OCT. 18

- Stunt Night
- Coronation @ 9 p.m.

SAT., OCT. 19

- Parade @ 11 a.m.
- Blue Devils vs. Concordia-Moorhead @ 1 p.m.

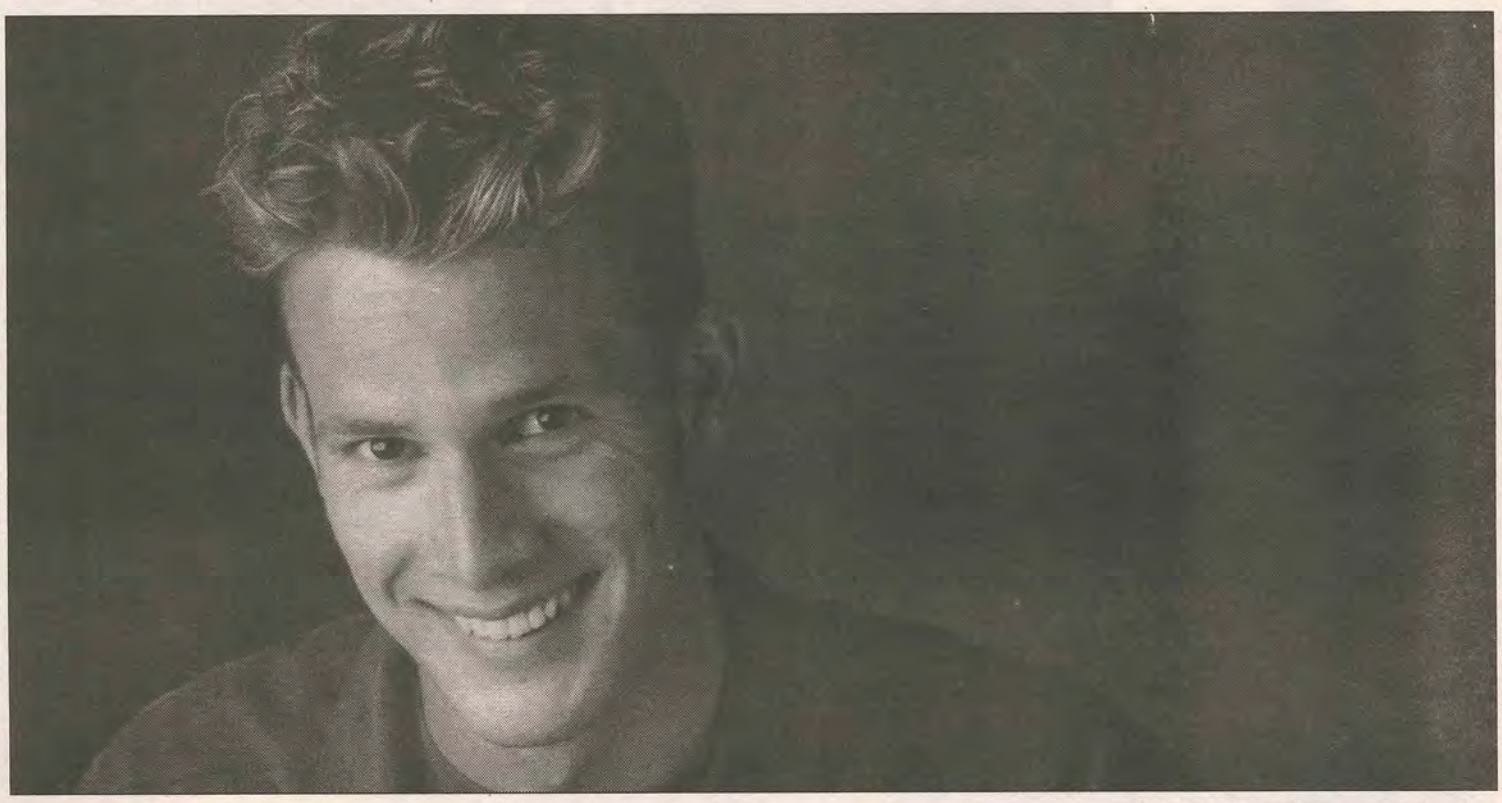
awards at halftime

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Oh my gosh, it's Daniel Tosh

Popular comedian appears at UW-Stout for homecoming

Amanda Dobbratz
The Stoutonia



Courtesy of the official Daniel Tosh website

Funny-man, Daniel Tosh, will be appearing during homecoming week in the Great Hall. His act is one of many events scheduled for the festivities.

He's not a chihuahua, but he plays one on T.V.

Taco Bell spokesman, Daniel Tosh, will be gracing the stage of the Great Hall as this year's homecoming comedian on Oct. 16 at 8 p.m. Actually, he's not the infamous taco-eating dog, but he does appear in Taco Bell commercials.

"Daniel Tosh is hilarious!" says Katie Pelke, a senior in business administration and Blue Devil Productions (BDP) comedy director. "I knew I wanted to book him for homecoming the second I heard him. I know he will keep you laughing the whole night!"



Courtesy of: www.everwonder.com

Tosh's act includes improv and audience participation. His material consists not so much of one-liners, as intricate stories told in incredulous, effervescent excitement.

"Hey balcony," Tosh greets the non-existent upper row of seating at a conference last spring.

Tosh's brand of absurd, stream-of-consciousness humor has paved his road to success, landing him spots on Letterman, Comedy Central and E! Network. Tosh has also hosted his own late-night television show on USA Network.

Daniel Tosh is only one of the many gems that BDP has in store for homecoming week. The theme of this year's homecoming is The Roaring Twenties at Stout. Other festivities for the week include a junkyard wars-style soapbox derby, scavenger hunt and a 20's dance and costume competition. Various events sponsored by organizations participating in the spirit competition will occur throughout the week.

All of these wonderful things will, of course, culminate in the parade and football game against the Concordia College-Moorehead on Saturday.

For more information regarding Daniel Tosh or homecoming week, refer to the BDP website: http://www.bdp.uwstout.edu.

DANIEL TOSH

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Tarred and "Feathered," dragging feet



MOVIEREVIEW
Kim Hauschildt



Courtesy of the official "Four Features" website

"The Four Feathers" is recommended for history buffs and war movie fans.

The new Heath Ledger film, "The Four Feathers," also starring Wes Bentley and Kate Hudson, was the movie of the week. Originally based on the novel by A.E.W. Mason, the movie is a remake of the 1938 film by the same title. The earlier version, however, failed to create a wake in the Hollywood pond. History seems to be repeating itself once again.

The plot is based on Ledger's character, Harry Faversham, a British officer who resigns his post just before the Battle of Ordurman in Sudan. Unless you are a British History buff, you probably haven't heard about this battle. Despite his fear of fighting, Faversham enlisted in the army to please his father.

According to the movie, when an army officer betrays his fellow soldiers, a feather of cowardice is sent to him for his ungratefulness and lack of will. Faversham received three feathers from his best friends in the army and one from his fiance (Hudson) as well. The one person who did not send a feather was his closest friend Jack (Bentley). Faversham feels he has but one friend and one thing to do to fix this cowardly situation.

Out of shame, ex-officer Faversham sets out to save his brave friends from dying in a battle he knows his country will lose. He keeps the feathers with him at all times as a reminder of his lack of bravery that he must overcome.

Through learning Arabic and dressing as a Sudan native, Faversham puts his life on the line to prove he will stand by his fellow soldiers.

Although the plot seemed quite interesting, it failed to convey the reality of this heart-wrenching story. Instead, it trudged along and seemed to drag its feet until three-quarters of the way through, when finally it rose to a slight climax and then suddenly went back to being boring.

I felt like getting up and leaving the theater three times during the movie.

I recommend this movie to history buffs and major war movie fans. As for all the Heath Ledger fans, keep your change in your pocket until it comes out on video.



The Four Feathers
starring Heath Ledger, Kate Hudson, Wes Bentley.

Kim says: *"Save your pocket change."*

How it rates:

★★☆☆☆

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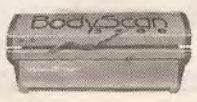


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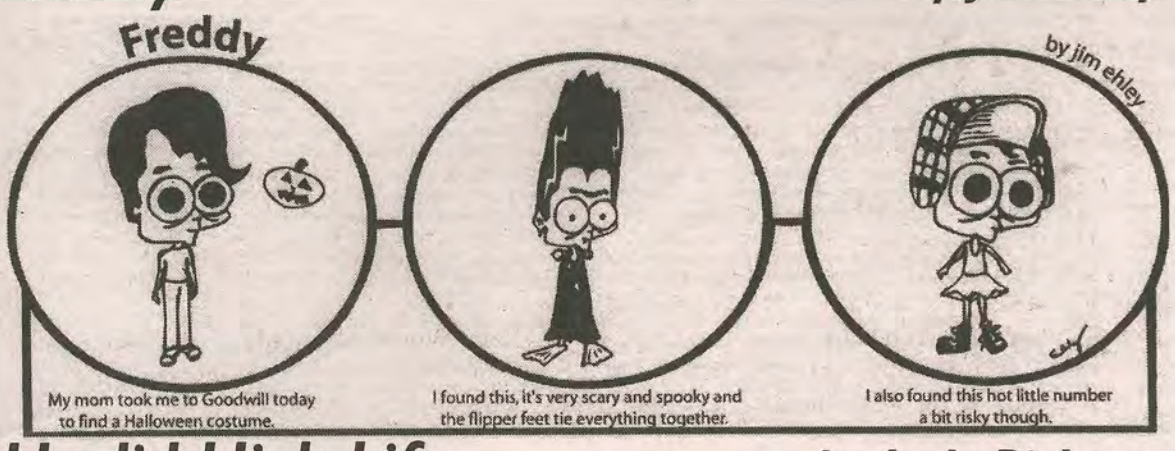
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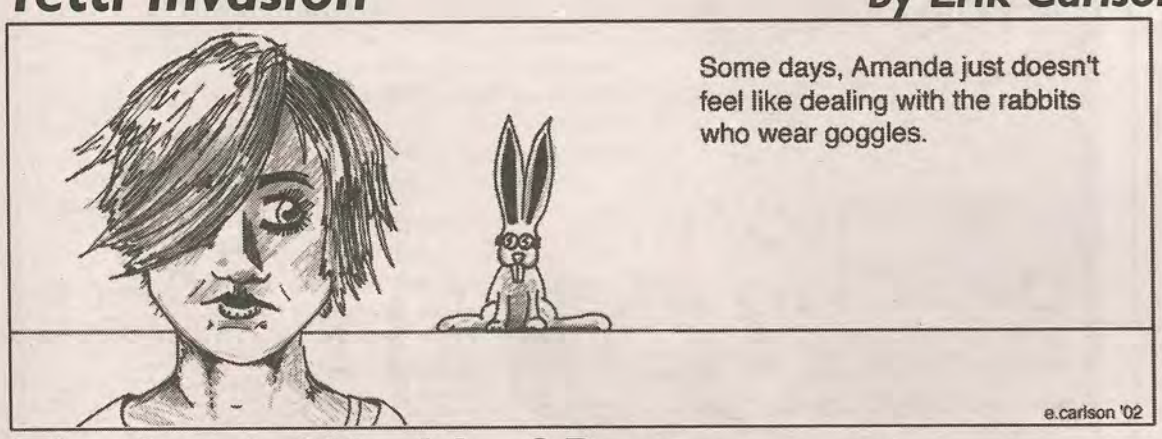
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Mr. Matt Tracy and the Editorial Staff: (paid advertisement)

We are submitting this letter to the editor as an advertisement because it is over the 250-word policy The Stoutonia maintains in regards to letters to the editor. We feel your readers deserve to know all of the facts and we did not think it was possible to accomplish this in 250 words or less.

We are writing to address the editorial, "Separation of Greek and State" that appeared in the September 26, 2002 issue of The Stoutonia. It is disheartening for us to see a hatchet job like this and equally disappointing that we feel compelled to set the record straight.

In personal discussions about this editorial your response was, "It is an opinion." We can accept that argument from individuals that submit letters to the editor. However, we firmly believe that the Editorial Staff of a newspaper has a responsibility to explore and obtain some facts on an issue before putting an opinion out for public consumption. "Separation of Greek and State" leads us to believe you did no outside exploration of the subject and collected one fact – there will be three divisions in the Spirit Award competition this year.

Let us go at this line-by-line.

You wrote: "...Homecoming competitions will be broken up into three divisions. These divisions will consist of the Greeks, the residence halls, and University of Wisconsin-Stout organizations." Our response: Well, you sort of got that right. The Spirit Award Competition will have awards within three categories of recognized student organizations: Greek letter organizations, residence hall governing bodies, and the remaining student organizations not in the first two categories ("other" organizations). All participating organizations will be competing in the same events with the same rules. The only difference is that points will be awarded to organizations within the three different categories.

You wrote: "...[S]ome feel that this will inspire more people to participate in events..." Our response: Yes, Blue Devil Productions felt that the three divisions would increase participation by student organizations in the Spirit Award competition. In fact, (facts are important in the world of journalism) in the 2001 competition we had 7 Greek organizations, 1 residence hall, and 2 "other" organizations compete. The 2002 registrations indicate that we have 7 Greek organizations, 4 residence halls, and 9 "other" organizations. Based on the facts we have gathered it is our opinion that the decision to have three divisions has increased participation from 10 organizations to 20.

You wrote: "...[S]ome Greeks especially, feel they are being separated in a ridiculous and unfair manner." Our response: We have indeed talked to some Greek organization members that are not happy with the change. But we have talked with some Greek organization members that think it is worth a try.

You wrote: "I thought Homecoming was about togetherness, school spirit and good-natured competition between students." Our response: We thought that as well?!? However, each year there is a certain amont of whining, complaining, and bickering that goes on for reasons we cannot fully understand. The Stoutonia, you may remember, experienced some of this first hand last year when they co-sponsored The Lounge-a-Thon. It seems this year the whining, complaining, and bickering started a couple of weeks early!

You wrote: "...[B]ut this entire fiasco seems to be another move by a University that would prefer to alienate a certain group of people, the Greeks." Our response: Where do we start? Fiasco is defined by Webster's as "a complete failure." We do not think fiasco fits when you look at the facts. Next topic. We are not sure what you mean when you say the "University" would prefer to alienate the Greeks. Blue Devil Productions, a student organization made the decision to have three divisions. If we alienated anyone, blame us. The administration, governing bodies, SSA, UW-System, etc. had nothing to do with this decision – if that is what you mean by the "University"? We also think your readers deserve to know that the homecoming advisory committee met last April to start planning Homecoming 2002. The advisory committee was open to members of ALL student organizations. The advisory committee had several representatives from various Greek organizations. This and many other topics were discussed at length. It is also important for the conspiracy theorists out there to know that Blue Devil Productions has two board members that also happen to be Greek.

You wrote: "Students join Greek institutions to be in an atmosphere of camaraderie." Our response: We think and hope they join Greek organizations for a lot more reasons than that? We'll let them explain it to you in their letters to the editor.

You wrote: "[A]ccording to the University, that's the only people they can be around." Our response: We think this statement is trying to refer to other issues related to Greek organizations that have been in the letters to the editor as of late; namely the issues regarding Greeks and move-in day and the suspension of a former Greek student organization. We think it is unfortunate that many misguided and misinformed people are writing-in about these topics and fueling the fires of ignorance. This is exactly why we felt compelled to address your editorial of September 26. We beg of you, The Stoutonia, to engage in some journalism. If you think there are issues of concern out there, PLEASE do some real reporting on those issues so people can take in as many facts as possible and formulate their opinions based on the facts available.

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Reviewing the week in sports

Joe Pollock
The Stoutonia



courtesy of Sports Information

Tanille Zenner and teammates look on as Rachel Linbo digs for the ball in a game against Bethel College on October 5 at Johnson Fieldhouse.

Football

The Blue Devils football team (3-1) lost its first game of the season 34-31 in overtime last Saturday at the hands of the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

It was an extremely close game all the way. In fact, the largest lead of the game belonged to the Blue Devils, 21-13 in the third quarter.

The Pioneers tied the score later in the third, but the Blue Devils were able to bounce back. The score came from Luke Bundgaard, a sophomore running back from Weyerhaeuser, Wis. He punched in a one-yard touchdown run with just over five minutes left in regulation.

Just two minutes later, the Pioneers struck with a touchdown of their own to send the game into overtime.

In the extra period, the Blue Devils struck first with a 37-yard field goal by Justin Zymewski, a sophomore from Houston, Minn.

However, just as penalties had hurt the Blue Devils all game, a crucial penalty cost them the game. A pass interference call against UW-Stout allowed the Pioneers to retain possession on their next drive and helped them to score a 14-yard touchdown to win the game.

The Blue Devils will definitely be hungry for next week's home game against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh on Saturday Oct. 12 at 2 p.m.

Volleyball

The University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point (4-17) stretched the Blue Devils (19-4) to five games for the first time this season. However, the Blue Devils came out on top in the road game.

The next day, the Blue Devils continued their winning ways at home. This time, the opposition was nationally-ranked Bethel College (12-3) along with Viterbo University (2-19).

Tanille Zenner, a freshman from Athens, Wis. was dominant in the four game victory over Bethel. She pounded a career best 25 kills, falling just three shy of the school record.

The Blue Devils also disposed of Viterbo University in just one hour, completing a 3-0 week of play. With the victories, the Blue Devils will likely hold a 19th national ranking.

Soccer

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's Soccer team was solid this week. In fact, they did not allow a goal in two victories over Martin Luther College and UW-Platteville.

What else is new? The Blue Devils (5-2-3) have recorded six shutouts in 10 games this season. In fact, they have not allowed a goal in 240 minutes of game play.

Raina Schneider, a senior from Sheboygan, Wis. was named the WIAC soccer player of the week for her role in the defense that only allowed seven shots in two games.

Do not forget about the potent offense though. Nelly Sivertson, a senior from River Falls, Wis. and Kelly Stolarczyk, a freshman From Elk River, Minn. each scored two goals in the 5-0 shutout of UW-Platteville.

Cross Country

Both men's and women's cross country teams were in action at the Midwest Challenge in Colfax on Oct.4. The weather played a big factor with cold, breezy and rainy conditions.

St. Olaf adapted well to the challenging conditions as they took both the men's and women's titles.

The Blue Devils finished 4th in women's combined team scores and last in the men's combined scores.

Lacey Osuldsen, a senior from Ladysmith, Wis. had the highest individual ranking for the Blue Devils; she finished 12th in the five kilometer race, with a time of 19 minutes and 37 seconds.



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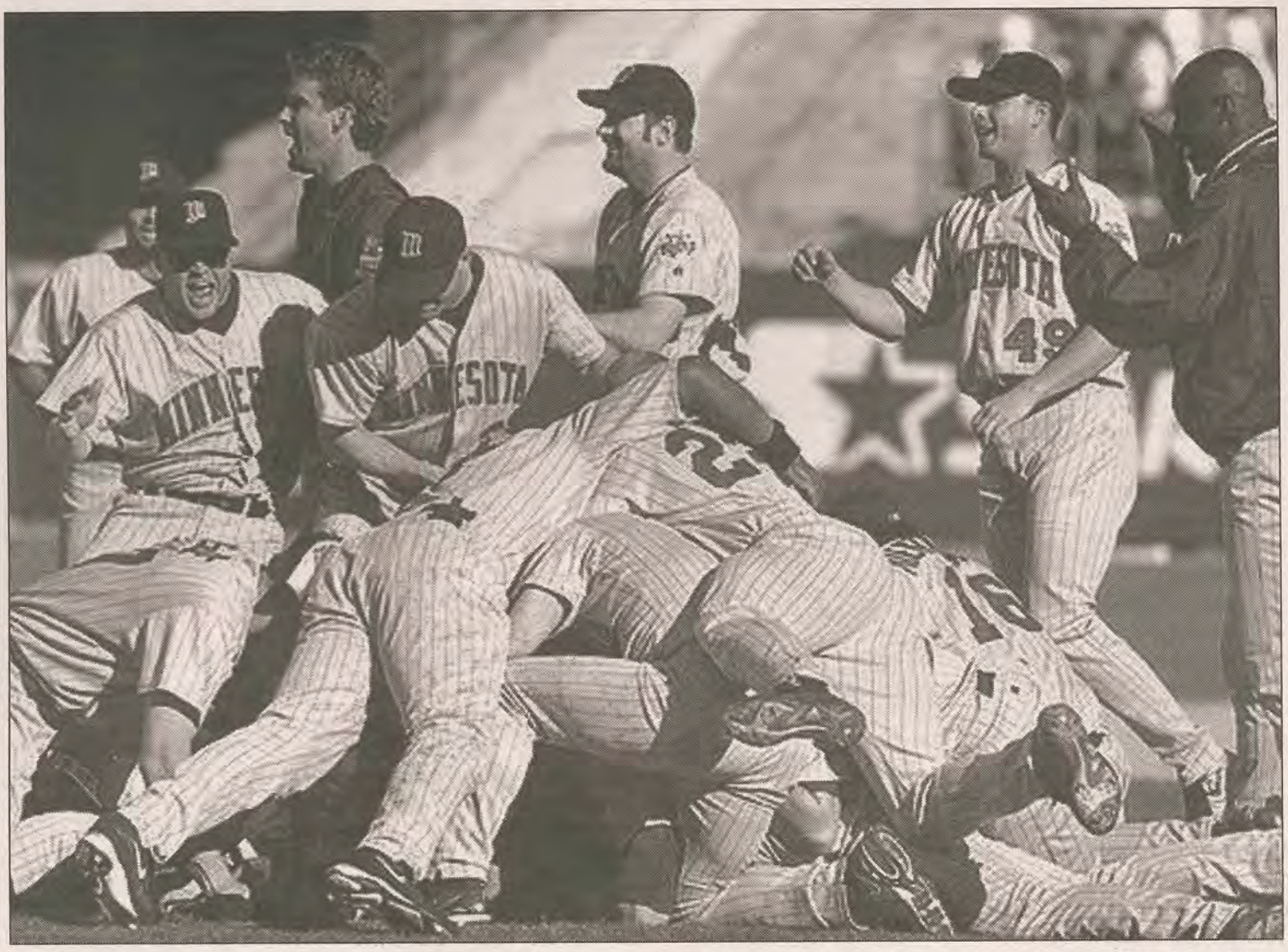


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Curt Trnka



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The Minnesota Twins hog-pile after defeating the Oakland A's in game five of the American League Divisonal Series. The guy at the left is Denny Hocking. He will eventually wind up getting his middle finger stepped on.

It is Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2002 and I am sitting on my couch watching the Twins. What is so special about that? It's the ALCS.

Traditionally ALCS has been the acronym for American League Championship Series, but due to the unusual baseball season that we have had this year, I propose that fans rename the series the American League Cinderella Series, in honor of the two best teams in the American League.

This year's ALCS is a showcase for a pair of small market teams whose owners wanted to sell them before the season even started. Yes, it has been a very interesting season for both the Anaheim Angels and the Minnesota Twins.

Minnesota fans have seemingly always had to deal with an owner who did not care about his team, but rather the cost of the team. Carl Pohlad might just be the real life version of Mr. Burns from "The Simpsons."

Mickey Mouse owns Anaheim's baseball team. Well, sort of. The Disney Corporation owns the Angels, and has been looking to sell the team. One can only imagine how happy Michael Eisner is with the Angels success this season.

Another possible name for the series could be the Contraction Series. As everyone who reads the sports section knows, the Twins were one of the teams targeted for contraction by Bud -- my team plays next door -- Selig. But what some fans do not know is that Selig's favorite contraction plan called for four teams to be eliminated.

In that plan, the Angels would have also been contracted, and the Oakland A's would have been moved to Anaheim. This plan would of course cause mass confusion, and I believe that has to be the reason Selig liked it so much.

As any of you who watched game one of the ALCS know, Commissioner Selig was at the Metrodome on Tuesday. Does this mean he no longer wants to kill off the Twins? Ron Gardenhire, the Twins manager, was asked what it was like to have Minnesota's BUDdy in their house, at a press conference after the game.

Gardenhire's response probably surprised many of the Twins fans, if not the reporters who asked it. Instead of saying that it felt great to get this win in front of the man who was the face of contraction, Gardenhire said he was happy to finally meet the commissioner.

Say what? I was shocked by this response. It was like watching a grounder dribble between the legs of a gold glove-caliber shortstop. But when I think about it, it was the right way to handle that question. The Twins have a classy guy for a manager.

Last week I did my best to predict the outcome of all four playoff series. My picks included the Twins, Angels, Giants, and the Diamondbacks. Well, my batting average is a cool .750, so I will once again try to pick the winners for this current round of playoffs.

Starting in the National League with the Giants and the Cardinals, I will pick the Giants to advance to the World Series. Sure the Cardinals will walk Barry Bonds every time, but the reason the Giants will move on is because they have the better pitching staff, so expect them to win using all seven games.

Sticking with the theory that pitching wins games, I have to pick the Twins to also advance. The Twins have a good team, but after beating an outstanding team (the A's) in a five-game series, the Angels will be lucky to take the series to the seven. Twins in six, baby!

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The drop on the NHL season



BONUSCUTS
Curt Trnka

If baseball and football are not your sports of choice, then there is a good chance you were watching the puck drop on the 86th NHL season. Here in Minnesota and Wisconsin, you really only have two choices of teams to root for.

Ever since the North Stars headed south, hockey fans have had to either do without or root for the Chicago Blackhawks. Then along came Minnesota's first adjective sports team: the Wild.

If you ask me, there were a hundred better names available. Because people in Wisconsin and Minnesota do a lot of fishing a logical team name would have been the Hooks. Just think of the benefits of having a team named the Hooks. The cheerleaders could be named the Hookers.

Anyway, the Wild are opening their third season, and there are a number of questions the team has to answer. Who will be the number one goalie? Who will be the team leader?

Can the team compete this year?

Two years ago, Manny Fernandez was the No. 1 guy. Last year, he forgot that his job was to stop the puck: the team won just 12 games. When he is on, he can stop just about anyone with his quick legs and impressive glove hand. Minnesota needs him to start playing like a No. 1 goalie or they will have to insert another stopper.

Option two for the Wild is Dwayne Roloson. Rolie the Goalie has the ability to be one of the premiere guys in the NHL. He has the demeanor of a No. 2 goalie, but he played better last year than Fernandez. Roloson won 14 games, stopped 91 percent of the shots he faced and set a team records for shutouts with five.

Who should be No. one? Fernandez. He has the tools to be the man -- and he should be -- but the pressure is on him now because of last year's poor play. He does not have the personality of a backup, so it's the No. 1 spot or out.

Doug Risebrough, the Wild's general manager, knows hockey, and will take his time building this team. Minnesota has hockey-crazed fans, and they are willing to wait. Last year the Wild had a five-point bump in their second season. Minnesota will host the 2004 All-Star Game.

Forward Marian Gaborik, who will turn 21 in February, hit the 30-goal mark last year and should become the team leader the Wild desperately need. Newly acquired center Cliff Ronning could help Gaborik develop into that leader. With Ronning on board, Gaborik might net 40 this season.

The team will probably remain a bottom dweller while the players continue to grow, so don't look for a playoff run anytime soon. Wild coach Jacques Lemaire loves his defense, and will continue to preach defense as the franchise and fans wait for their kids to come of age.

Does this remind you of another Minnesota team?

Tennis looks forward

Rebecca Werner
The Stoutonia

A sharp mind, quick hands, fast feet, exact perception and a focus on teamwork are the key skills needed to be a good tennis player. Tennis is a very popular sport that has been around for many centuries. This sport can be viewed on television, at clubs, recreation areas and on campuses.

This year the University of Wisconsin-Stout tennis team is composed of seventeen talented young ladies. These women are currently under the instruction of Coach Luther Olson. He is in his second year coaching for the Blue Devils and has many years of experience to draw from and share with these eager students.

This season appeared to have a strong start for the team in the works. With many returnees from the previous year and some new talent, the team seemed to have what they needed for this year.

The expectations for the team were high, but as they started off the season, Coach Olson noted that "the conference stepped it up a level."

Since the conference is playing at a higher level, UW-Stout is still sitting in the same position they were earlier, looking up in the standings.



courtesy of Sports Infromation

Coach Luther Olsen talks with Erica Millspaugh and Becky McNamara during a home meet.

Despite that discouraging fact, the team is anxiously preparing for the conference match in Madison, Wis. the weekend of Oct. 19 and 20. Coach Olson commented that even though they will not be able to stake their name high, they are going with optimism and hopes to hold some teams back by putting up their best fight.

Tanya Petcher, a senior, and Rachel Weber, a junior, are expected to lead the singles players next weekend. Freshman Lauren Patient has also been a very valuable singles player this year and should add some points for the team.

On the other hand, the doubles players are still looking for that dynamic defeating duo. Most of the doubles players this year are at the same skill level. Coach Olson said they are still waiting for an endowed pair to arise.

In 2003, the team will only lose one person due to eligibility. Having a team composed mostly of freshmen and sophomores brings hope to the returnees next year. Coach Olson said that there is definitely "some quality to work with there." He also said that all they need is for some of the current members to train hard during the summer and go the extra mile.

The Blue Devils tennis team has what it takes; now they have to get their playing hours racked up and get ready for next year. In the mean time, they are practicing for this weekend and will be going in with enthusiasm and nothing less than their best.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Tanille Zenner



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Life as student athlete not easy



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Joe Pollock

What is it like to be a college athlete? Most people, including myself, really have no idea.

I gave the college sports thing a whirl freshman year when I tried out for the basketball team. After that delusion passed, I settled into a nice intramural role instead.

The truth is, being an athlete in college can be a difficult juggling act. Aside from ability and talent on the field, one must commit to school as well. This obviously takes a great deal of hard work, discipline and time management.

In order to find out what it is like to be a University of Wisconsin-Stout football player, Mavericko Morris, a senior telecommunications major from Brooklyn, N.Y. and Erick Hawkins, a sophomore psychology major from Cleveland, Ohio, took some time from their busy schedules to give me the scoop.

Busy indeed.

I was lucky to catch them both on Monday, their one and only day off. Every other weekday consists of around three hours of practice, game films and meetings, not to mention class, homework and part-time jobs.

In all, including practice, prep time, travel and games, football players devote a minimum of twenty hours per week to their sport. So why do they do it?

"I think that anyone who plays division three football has to love the game," said Morris, "because this is the only division that doesn't receive scholarships."

Morris, a linebacker, and Hawkins, a defensive end/linebacker, get energized for games in their own ways.

Morris likes to be completely ready for the game on Friday night. That way he has time to sit down, think and pray.

"I don't like to be around other people," said Morris, "because everybody has their own technique."



courtesy of Sports Information

Erick Hawkins makes a tackle in Saturday's game against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.

When it comes to getting pumped up for Hawkins, "That's natural," he says.

After the big game, many of the players will go out or hang with friends. For Hawkins, victory brings a quiet celebration.

"It gets violent though if we lose a game," he added.

So in the end, how are they able to balance their time between so many different areas?

The coaching staff has a lot to do with it. Coaches, Ed Meierkort and Mark Thomas or emphasize that academics come first.

This is one reason why Morris and Hawkins both have the "utmost respect for those coaches."

"Coach made me understand it's not only about football," said Hawkins.

In fact, college football has helped open up doors for both of these student athletes. Neither of them would probably be here if it wasn't for the opportunity to play the game that they love.

Morris was actively recruited by UW-Stout to play here. Hawkins took the recommendation of former Blue Devil star Tony Beckham, and transferred from another college to come play ball.

It is not hard to tell that UW-Stout football is on the right track. They are 3-1 and have high goals for this season. The cool thing is that those goals aren't just for football. They are for school too.

Exercise might be easier than you think



FITLIVING
Ann Syrstad

Have you ever walked to class, taken the stairs or raked the lawn? If you can answer with at least one yes, you have been getting exercise!

Not everyone likes organized sports. Some people do not enjoy all the rules that are used in sports like basketball and football, and some people may not like activities that require larger groups of people.

For anyone who is not into team sports, and even for those who are, there are some very creative exercise choices to keep you physically and mentally fit.

"I sometimes feel limited with the workout facilities in Menomonie," says Michelle Woestman, a senior in business administration. "I wish there were more things to do."

After doing some research and creative thinking, many creative fitness activities were brainstormed, researched and now are recommended for you to try. Read on to learn more about the unique ways to have fun and stay fit right here in Menomonie.

Try dancing...whether you dance all alone or in an organized class, it is a great aerobic exercise that is fun and easy to learn. The Dance Connection in Menomonie offers ballet, jazz and tap classes for all age levels. The Dance Connection is located at 110 Main Street West, with student discounts available. Dancing brings fresh oxygen to the muscles as you work them. It works best when you do it for 20 to 30 minutes, two or three times a week.

Try walking; check out the Red Cedar Lake Trail. It is a great chance to get outside, see the sights and exercise, all at the same time.

Try karate. With an academy just seconds from the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus, you have no excuse for not checking it out. According to a karate instructor at the Red Dragon Academy, three free introductory lessons are available for those looking to try karate. The academy also offers a three-month membership, and unlimited instruction Monday through Saturday.

Try a fitness center. whether you prefer the University Health and Fitness Center or something off campus, you will find a more traditional way of working out. For something a little less traditional, try the Menomonie Fitness Center. With low membership fees, cardio kickboxing, machines (bikes, treadmills, etc.) and tanning beds, you should find everything you need. The staff is particularly helpful in assisting your needs. The Menomonie Fitness Center is located at 310 Main Street East.



courtesy of Sports Information

Working out at the University Health and Fitness Center is a simple way to exercise and stay in shape.

Try Curves for Women. The strength training and aerobics available here may be something new and exciting for you to try. With members between 15 and 96 years old, any person should find this facility in a comfortable, no-pressure setting. Curves for Women is unique because it is fast, affordable and convenient. It takes only 30 minutes per day, 3 days per week. There are many promotions offered throughout the year, which reduce or eliminate a membership service fee. Curves for Women is located on Stout Road, across the street from the Mardi Gras Café.

Exercise is good for you for many reasons: it keeps you strong, healthy and happy. Staying fit is the goal. How you do it-alone or with others-is up to you.

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Safety report raises questions

David Zill
The Stoutonia

On Oct. 1, the University of Wisconsin-Stout made the 2002 annual campus safety report available to students through a mass e-mail.

Among the findings the report noted seven incidents of forcible sexual offenses, two aggravated assaults, two motor vehicle thefts and 201 liquor arrests.

UW-Stout's reported crime rates are comparable with other UW-System universities of the same size, with the exception of liquor arrests, according to campussafety.org.

"That is because of the way we handle drinking offenses," said Lisa Walter, Police Chief for UW-Stout.

"Some other campuses handle a first offense administratively with a sanction or a fine in the residence hall. We believe, because it is a violation of state statute, we are going to get involved with an arrest."

Walter believed the report to be fairly accurate in its findings.

"I do believe there are some things that are stolen or missing that do not get reported," she said.

What the report does not tell is how safe students feel on campus. According to a poll conducted by *The Stoutonia*, 100 students living on and off campus were asked about their personal safety.

Fifty percent said they felt very safe on campus. Thirty-six percent felt moderately safe on campus. And 14 percent felt slightly unsafe.

Not consistent with these statistics is the number of students who wanted emergency phones put on campus. Eighty-eight percent wanted to see them put up while 12 percent did not.

Those against seeing the emergency devices said cost was the main factor.

"I get somewhat nervous when I have to go to my car (at night)," said Angela Hansen, a senior family consumer science major. "An emergency button would allow me an option if something would happen. I would make it a priority to park by these."

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Blue poles like this one are accessible on the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire campus. Some UW-Stout students believe emergency phones would increase safey.

Police chief graduates from Academy



Contributed Photo

Police Chief Lisa Walter completing the Marine Corps obstacle course during FBI Academy training.

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

For Lisa Walter, the summer training she received at the FBI National Academy in Quantico, Va. was an experience that will last a lifetime.

After applying for six consecutive years, University of Wisconsin-Stout's chief of police was accepted into the 210th Session of the National Academy.

Walter returned to campus last month feeling as though she "was on a sabbatical."

Less than one percent of all law enforcement officers in the United States are graduates of the program.

Walter graduated with 254 other law enforcement executives from 26 countries. Of the 255, 19 were female, and Walter was the only female police chief.

For 10 weeks the class focused on management and policing issues while they lived in residence halls on the Quantico marine base.

Walter had access to the FBI library and technology and was able to earn six graduate credits she can use if she chooses to pursue a master's degree.

"Training for the program is provided by FBI Academy instructional staff, Special Agents and other staff members holding advanced degrees, many of whom are recognized internationally in their fields of expertise," the FBI said in its press release.

Training is offered in advanced investigative work, management and fitness training.

"National Academy prepares people like Lisa to take their management skills up a level," said UW-Stout police sergeant Keith McCarten.

Just like students at a university, students at the National Academy felt a need to get involved beyond the academic and physical aspects of the training.

"We were only part of a community for a short 10 weeks, but realize how important it is to become

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 52° Low 34° Rain/ Snow	High 51° Low 33° Mostly Cloudy	High 55° Low 32° Mostly Cloudy

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Improve skills for free

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia

Why does Microsoft Word always add those strange tabs and think it is so smart? Students can learn specifics about many other programs on Oct. 22 in the Memorial Student Center.

There will be free laptop training open to all students, who can bring ther laptops. This event has been created with university centers in the enhancing life and learning campaign in conjunction with the university computer-training center.

"I definitely would go," said Katrina Olmstead, a freshman in studio art. "I will eventually have to make a web page with my resume on it."

The hour-long sessions will offer a range of functions in different programs including, PowerPoint, Excel, Frontpage, Outlook and Word for both Mac and PC. There will be a drawing for prizes during all sessions.

Students who cannot find the time to attend a session yet still have specific questions could try the drive by training table. The table will be located outside the ballrooms during the sessions, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m.

If planning to attend training, students should register at http://training.uwstout.edu. If unable to register, students can still attend training sessions by just showing up.

Since the implementation of freshmen laptops, the University of Wisconsin-Stout has taken many measures to ensure that students can operate and maneuver their new technology.

The Fresh Success dorms have implemented student mentoring program that is available Mondays and Wednesdays from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m. in the residence halls to answer any laptop related questions that students may encounter.

"The best time to catch problems is when they come up," said Jane Henderson of the Stout Solutions. "Most students only have problems with printing connections and e-mail frustrations."

The university assessed students on their skills in specific programs to see what courses needed to be offered.

Olmstead said, "Students can learn a lot from each other."

Many laptop training sessions have similarly been held in the residence halls themselves, where a sense of community can be created.

"The hardest part is offering," said Henderson. "Students are just not coming, and we don't know if they need the courses or not."

Despite efforts, there are low numbers of students attending courses and workshops.

"I am pretty computer literate, said Nathan Lovell, an undecided freshman. "The group should be separated based on previous knowledge."

Color your world: talent not required

Tina Barthold
The Stoutonia

The Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater and Menomonie Theater Guild are hosting the painting of the first annual community Celebration Mural.

All are welcome to participate in the paint by number mural.

The community painting will take place at the Menomonie Theater Guild shop at 502 Second Street W. behind Leevers Fresh Foods grocery store.

The Celebration Mural will be unveiled at the Mabel Tainter Fine Arts and Crafts Fair on November 15 and 16.

After the unveiling ceremony, the mural will serve as a back drop for various events held at Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater.

Community Invited to paint!

Mural will be painted behind Leevers:

Friday, Oct. 18 6 p.m.-9 p.m.
Saturday, Oct 19 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday, Oct 20 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Party-goers beware

Aleshia Brouwer
The Stoutonia

Instead of leaving at their own convenience, party-goers are often forced to leave by authorities.

The Menomonie Police Department has broken up 15 college house parties already this year, in contrast to nine break ups at this time last year.

"It's really bad," said Darrin Derge, a freshman in technology education. "You can't even go out."

In the past, Menomonie has typically received grants for underage consumption. The money would help provide extra manpower to the force, allowing more concentration towards college parties. This year, however, the police department didn't even apply for one.

"We're not doing anything different this year than last year," said Lieutenant Mike Kass of the Menomonie Police Department. "In reality we're doing less, because we don't have a grant."

Since house parties are far from legal, the police force must take action when called to do so though.

"We're going off complaints," said Kass. "Ninety percent of our arrests that involve house parties are from neighborhood complaints. The police department doesn't have the opportunity to turn away from crime."

Still, party-throwers are being charged costly fines for sale without license. Where does all the money generated from fines end up?

An average underage drinking fine totals $225. Of this, $95 is sent to the city hall's general fund, $15 go to the jail and crime lab assessment fund, while over $90 goes to Madison. The rest ends up paying for clerk fees. None of the money generated through underage drinking tickets actually goes to the Menomonie Police Department.

"The fines are there to deter the behavior," said Kass. "We weren't deterring it with the lower fines, so the fines had to be raised. It's simple economics."

Kass explains that it's the other crimes committed while students are under the influence that most concerns police. "We don't typically stop people because we think they're underage and have been drinking."

Walter / FBI Academy an eye opener

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Contributed Photo

Lisa Walter completing a 2.6 mile obstacle course during FBI National Academy physical training.

part of it and leave a little legacy," said Walter.

As part of her Leadership Challenge course, the class worked with a group called Mend-A-Home to help paint the houses of area home-bound and elderly residents.

They did a fundraiser to buy school supplies for Garrisonville Elementary School in nearby Stafford, Va.

In honor of Walter's 7-year-old niece who is currently battling cancer, they raised money through a silent auction to benefit the American Cancer Society's pediatric research division.

For Walter, one of the greatest benefits to being at the National Academy and living in the residence halls was the chance to informally network with people from around the world about their cultures and law enforcement processes.

"Now, more than ever, law enforcement needs to get back to basics," said Walter.

"Computer technology and abilities have made law enforcement that much better, but as we can see in recent history, having a network of officers that share information on a regular basis is necessary."

As a graduate of National Academy, Walter not only has the names of her classmates, but also those from previous sessions.

To top it all off, Walter and an officer from Colorado were invited back to teach a leadership course for the 211th Session that begins on Oct. 21, 2002.

Such an invitation was unprecedented for the leadership course.

"I believe I have come back a different person, but [I'm] not exactly sure yet how I am different or in the specific ways," said Walter.

"I don't want to get back to the status quo and hope to continue to challenge myself and others in learning more about law enforcement, being a great community member and making a difference, no matter how small it may seem."

Walter would like to challenge UW-Stout students to make an effort to talk to at least one international student because of its "mind opening" effect.

"Working with the law enforcement elite and learning from their experience is a unique opportunity and one Lisa has already begun to transfer to the rest of this department," said McCarten.

"I believe Lisa's participation in National Academy training will be of real benefit to this department and the university."

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Compiled by Greta Hittner and the UW-Stout Police

1. Missing bike
On Oct. 3, a student reported to police that his bike was missing. He had left the bike locked to a rack outside of CKTO since the spring semester of 2002. The rack was replaced over the summer. Building and ground maintenance inventories any bikes that are locked on the racks with the UW-Stout police; however, there is no record of this bike.

2. Climbing equimpment gone
A student employee of the climbing wall reported on Oct. 10 that the storage shed with climbing equipment was open and some contents were missing. The shed was locked the previous night at 7 p.m. It appears that someone pried the padlock off the hinged lock plate. An inventory of the missing items amounted to approximately $860. The missing equipment consisted of seven ropes, two belaying devices and eight locking karabiners. No one was given permission to damage or remove state property.

3. Harassing dorm calls
A student in Milnes Hall reported to police on Oct. 4 that at 1:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. that day she received very sexually explicit phone calls. The caller addressed her by her first name and she believes both callers to be the same person and male. She was advised to document any further calls and if it persists to trace the phone calls.

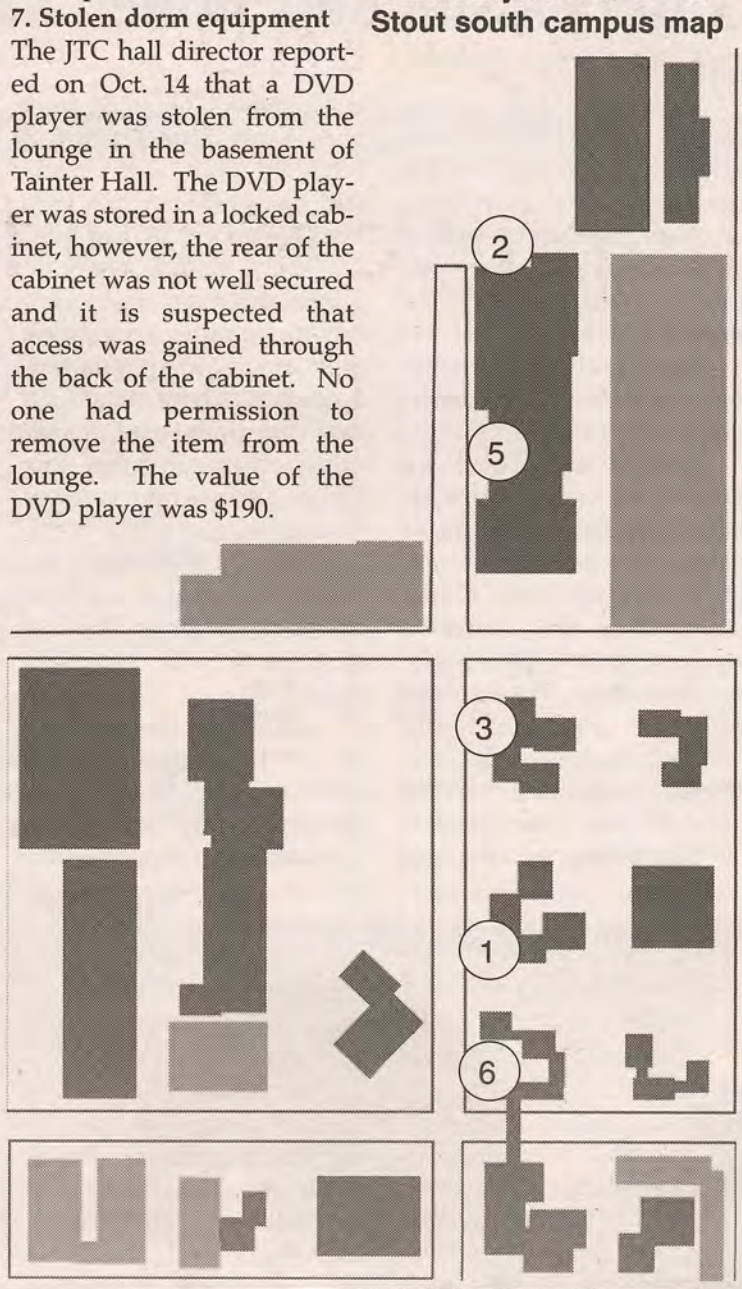
4. More explicit calls
On Oct. 7, a student in Hovlid Hall reported that she received two sexually explicit phone calls. The calls, occurring on Oct. 2 at 4 a.m. and Oct. 4 at 1:30 a.m., were from an unknown male caller. She was advised to contact the police if the calls persisted and could have a trace conducted if necessary.

5. Weight lifting injury
Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) were dispatched to Johnson Fieldhouse on Oct. 9 when a student dropped 185 pounds on his chest while weight lifting. The student's spotter said that the victims wrist "broke down" and the bar slipped out of his right hand, falling six inches to his chest. Upon arrival of the EMTs, the student reported chest pain and difficulty breathing. He was transported to Myrtle Werth Medical Center for care.

6. What a crock pot
The Menomonie Fire Department responded to an active alarm in Antrim-Froggatt Hall on Oct. 11. A resident had left his crock-pot plugged in in his room and fell asleep. The crock-pot set off the alarms. The student was advised to be more careful when using his crock-pot.

7. Stolen dorm equipment
The JTC hall director reported on Oct. 14 that a DVD player was stolen from the lounge in the basement of Tainter Hall. The DVD player was stored in a locked cabinet, however, the rear of the cabinet was not well secured and it is suspected that access was gained through the back of the cabinet. No one had permission to remove the item from the lounge. The value of the DVD player was $190.

University of Wisconsin-Stout south campus map



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Safety / Students polled about security

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Hall said, "I am a tour guide for Stout. There's a lot of parents who say, 'What if my daughter has a late class, are there emergency phones like they have on other campuses?' I feel bad telling the parents no."

UW-Stout has never made a decision to get emergency phones on campus.

"It has never been up for a vote; only in discussion. And then it was never approved or disapproved. It has always been a cost issue. And the comments we have gotten from police is that they (emergency phones) are constantly needing repair," said Rome Cagle, president of the Stout Student Association.

According to an inner office memos obtained from SSA, Code Blue I pedestal mounted units with touchpad cost $2955 per unit with instillation of $1500 per unit.

These memos also contained statements from various universities regarding their emergency phone performance. These statements said the units tend to fail under adverse weather conditions such as rain, snow or freezing temperatures.

The University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire installed the first 18 of 24 emergency call boxes in Aug. 1995.

Lieutenant David Sprick of UW-Eau Claire campus police said they have not had troubles with the phones, "Occasionally a phone needs to be serviced, but it is not a problem when you consider we have twenty-some phones."

"The boxes have been very effective," said David Backstrom, director of police at UW- Eau Claire.

"They are like a safety belt for the university and the community itself, Backstrom said. "It's a good preventative measure and it enhances safety. They are very expensive, but there was a demand by students to have a better security system."

Laura Toussaint, a junior in retail merchandising, asked, "Sure they may be expensive but if they prevent one person from being raped wouldn't it be a good investment?"

What's in a name?

Tina Barthold
The Stoutonia

Four programs' names changed at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Each changed program has several classes added into it.

The program apparel design/manufacturing has changed to apparel design and development.

"I'm really happy about it," said Alex Nelson, a junior in apparel design. "The new program focuses more on design than manufacturing, which I don't care about as much."

The vocational, technical and adult education program was changed to the career technical education and training program.

Also, both the vocational and technical education program and the industrial and vocational education program were merged and called the career and technical education program.

The reason for renaming the programs is to facilitate the majority of students' needs. The new names are aimed to evolve with new technology and new markets that students are likely to enter.

"All I had to do was sign a paper that verified if I would like to be in the new program or not." said Nelson "It was as simple as that."

The old programs will not be advertised to incoming freshmen. Current students are given a choice whether they want to continue with the old program or embrace the new one.

"The total number of graduate requirement credits doesn't change," said Enger. "We are facilitating students with more options with which they can fulfill their degree."

Enger assures that this is not an issue of adding credits to programs. UW-Stout lowered the amount of credits required in the mid 1990s to an average of 124 credits, which is typical of major universities.

"We have a dynamic advisory committee made up of our students' future employer representatives that drive these changes," said Robert Meyer, the Technology and Education dean. "The new programs are more attractive to new employers as well as incoming freshman."

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It's registration time-not so fast freshmen

It is time once again for a time honored tradition at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

No, we're not talking about homecoming. No, we're not talking about Halloween either. It's time again for Registration.

Now that the chorus of angels has subsided, the harsh reality can set in.

Registration day is great if you know how the system works. What I'm willing to bet is that the freshmen don't.

When the freshmen registered to come to UW-Stout, they had all these classes blocked off for them and getting the classes that they wanted was relatively easy.

Now they get thrown in with the sharks, so to speak.

No longer are there classes set aside for freshmen students. They have moved to the bottom of the registration barrel.

As most of us hopefully know, the priority that you register is based entirely on the number of credits that you have. Here's a reminder to the freshmen: you don't have any yet.

I'll agree, it's an imperfect system, but there has to be some reasoning to it. If people were allowed to register whenever they wanted, those with certain morning deficiencies would have a hard time graduating.



So what is the solution? One could postulate that if there were more classes, 100 people would not have to fight for 45 seats.

But that would require more teachers, which means more money, which is something that the education system in this country lacks.

It's up to you freshmen to elect people that will pump more money into education. It's either that, or take 32 credits that have nothing to do with your major.

Cut that annoying Dell kid some slack



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

In case you missed the pop culture news for the week, the Dell computer company has decided to no longer use the annoying "Steve" as their spokesperson.

Remembered best for his catch phrase "Dude, you're getting a Dell," this spokesman was a symbol of the MTV culture and just how absent minded and stupid some people from our generation sound.

For that reason, I will not miss Steve.

However, as much as I disliked his advertising spots, I can't help but feel sorry for this guy. I mean, I have lost a few jobs in my day, but when I did, I didn't have to hear about it on CNN.

That's right, this story was on CNN. It was also found on FOX News, MSNBC and was carried by most major news outlets through the Associated Press and Reuters news service. Talk about being publicly executed.

The Dell kid, a 22 year-old theatre student from California, may be taking this situation in one of two ways. Either he is happy that he got his fifteen minutes of fame-and subsequent paycheck-or he is feeling like the laughing stock of the nation.

Well, in either case, I say we let the kid off the hook already. I can't imagine he will ever get another job in the entertainment industry again since he has been relegated to the status of the Geico gecko and the AFLAC duck. Once you get type cast as an idiot, it's pretty hard to break that mold.

Two years ago I had a summer where I was laid off four times. That's right, four times. I ended up working in jobs I never thought I would allow myself to do, and each time I lost a job, I felt even more defeated. If you have never been let go, I strongly reccommend it. It is a great chance to grow as a person.

But at least I didn't have to hear about my getting laid off from the sporting goods department at a Wal-Mart from Tom Brokaw. Last I checked, there was a psycho sniper killing people and a nation on the verge of war in the middle east, but I guess this ranks as news worthy for some bizarre reason.

I never thought I'd say this, but I actually feel sorry for that Dell kid. If Steve is reading this, come on down to the MSC. *The Stoutonia* will help you out.

Here are a few things that I've noticed and you should too



TESTPATTERN
Matt Tracy, Esq.

Here comes a confession of sorts. This column will be filled with a bunch of humorous observations. They are intended to make you look at the world in a different way. Why is this a confession? It's not really, just a statement of truth. Those of you looking for something more meaningful should read the editorial.

•People should not get Japanese or Chinese symbols tattooed on themselves. Why not you ask? How do you know that what you get is what it is supposed to mean? It's not unthinkable that a wiley tattoo artist wouldn't tell you some symbol means strength, but in actuallity it could mean "incontinent."

•We all need to take it easy on people who work service jobs. I know they seem like they have lost the ability to think rationally, but have you ever had to deal with what they deal with? For example: I once called a oven cleaner's product help line to ask them how to keep their product from oxidizing on my vinal siding.

That's right, I was someone's stupidest question ever. This poor person had to try and wrap his mind around the dumbest question he had ever heard. It's no wonder these people never sound like they know what's going on.

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Letters to the Editor

Against apathy

"President Bush is a lunatic." *"Greeks are upstanding organizations that are being trampled by a fascist government."* "Please Never send me anything relating to Homosexuality again." *"I do not support the ssa at all because every year our tuition goes up."* "...another move by a University that would prefer to alienate a certain group of people, the Greeks." *"There are many multi-cultural students on this campus and if you notice, most of them don't show up..."* These are all phrases from students on our campus.

No matter what your group, no matter what your issue, no matter what your background, you are an individual, with the capacity for change. It is incredibly easy to complain about what is being done around you, but complaints are of little value if you haven't in the past, don't want to, and aren't willing to GET INVOLVED.

Over the past five years, yes count them – five years, I have been involved in life at Stout. From Student Government (SSA), to Shared Governance Committees. From issues like the new stadium, Millennium Hall, the Laptop Initiative, Per-Credit Tuition, Campus Signage, Grading Policies, University Priorities, Campus Diversity Initiatives, Organization & Event Funding, the North Campus Master Plan, the Baldrige Award, and countless other issues, I've had the opportunity to be involved. The point though, is not that I'm so enthralled in activities that I have no personal life. The point is not that I take credit or blame for what happens. The point IS that these opportunities have existed by LAW, since 1974, and at Stout for many decades prior to this. THE POINT IS – YOU HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHANGE EVERYTHING!

The excuse that "someone else made the decision" is the easiest way to show that you don't care. You don't care enough to work, to be proactive, to GET INVOLVED, but merely enough to send a futile complaint to a completed project. No one I have worked with over the past years has ever claimed to be the All-Knowing; no one has been so arrogant as to end the opportunity for debate or discussion. For goodness sake this is an Institution of Higher Learning – we exist for the exchange of ideas.

So you have ideas, you have complaints, you have the power... It's not imaginary, it's not lip service. This is real, just as real as the brick wall you'll hit when you graduate-unless of course, you can see far enough ahead to dodge it.

-David Hay
Stout Student,
Known Apathy Monger

Feedback for *The Stoutonia*

To The Stoutonia Staff,

Here is some friendly feedback I think of our student newspaper. I read The Stoutonia weekly, and I thought you might mind some positive feedback over all the other negative things you get. I think The Stoutonia is great, save a few items. 1) I enjoy reading the sports section of The Stoutonia weekly. I find the articles on the sports at Stout interesting and they keep me informed on what's going on.

I would like to see a listing of the conference records either every week or every other week. I know they are available separately online, but I think it would be great to put each of our sport's records' in a little box score setting to see how all the sports are doing. It doesn't have to be really detailed, but a nice touch.

Also, I would also enjoy more coverage of Stout sports over professional teams like the Vikings or Twins. I do appreciate an article every month or so, but really would like the inside information on what's going on here.

2) Once a month or so it seems too many of the articles in The Stoutonia focus on the same subject. I find it redundant when there are three or more articles on a particular topic. These are usually hot issues like the recent abortion protest that gain much attention. I just like diverse articles covering many areas of campus. I think there are other areas of campus that could be explored over writing about the same topic a few times.

3) Why does The Stoutonia actively take sides on some issues? I have heard of other papers endorsing things like political candidates, however, in general thought newspapers were supposed to be non-biased. I feel it hurts your credibility when it is stated in the paper if something is right or wrong and it is supposed to be a factual article. It is usually one writer stating an opinion, but I assume if article goes to print with that opinion than it is the opinion of The Stoutonia.

Thanks for your time. I hope you find this feedback constructive and positive vs. the other feedback you receive. If you have any for me, drop a line.

Aaron Stein
Resident Advisor

Dear Mr. Stein

Thank you for your constructive criticism. We do apprciate any criticism, but when it is phrased in a helpful way, it makes it better.

Matt Tracy
Opinions Editor

A letter to Mr. Sawyer

I'm writing in response to the letter by Jeff Sawyer on Oct. 10, 2002 regarding abortion demonstrations and Christian outreach groups.

First off, I'm a Christian with a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. I realize I have just categorized myself, but I chose to write this letter not because I am offended or have "ruffled feathers", but because this individual openly admitted that he thinks he's going to Hell someday.

I cannot fathom settling for anything less than spending eternity in Heaven. After reading last week's letter, it made me realize how many people on this campus continue to live day by day, only for the here and now.

Don't people ever wonder what's beyond life here on earth? I am as guilty as anyone for getting caught up in the here and now; I constantly find myself questioning things I do for instant gratification and the examples I set for others.

From my standpoint, being a Christian witness is never easy, but the rewards from it can be everlasting, literally. I'm not defending the abortion demonstrations that took place on campus, but I believe they had good intentions. However, it was not presented effectively, and caused more harm than good.

As for the Gideons handing out New Testaments...although it may be an inconvenience being offered one multiple times, it is nothing compared to the inconvenience you may someday be faced with, when it's too late. These "Holy rollers" are only trying to offer you something this world will never come remotely close to.

Amy Koeppe
UW-Stout student

Missionaries of the Preborn

Editor's Note:

The following letter is from The Missionaries of the Preborn. In an effort to portray opposing aspects of the issue they represent, we are running this letter.

It is *The Stoutonia's* general practice to only run letters from the campus comunity. Letters from those people outside that community are typically not run.

Matt Tracy
Opinions Editor

Why Do We Show Those Bloody Photographs?

Because people need to see what a child looks like after he or she has been in the hands of an abortionist at a Planned Parenthood clinic. Without the pictures, the words which describe what they do to the preborn lack punch and are easily forgotten.

After 29 years of State-legal baby-murder, it is time for the American people to see who is dying. The media has censored the preborn child from the "abortion debate," and we are simply attempting to bypass that media blackout by going to the streets and showing the American people for themselves exactly what a preborn child murdered by abortion looks like.

We show these photos to inform our nation that it has violated God's Law, and to call it's people to repentance. Our photos stand as a haunting indictment upon our nation.

Some say our photos are disgusting and hurt our Christian witness. Our response: have you ever seen a pretty picture of a murder? Murder is disgusting; abortion is murder; therefore, our pictures are disgusting.

Also, what hurts our Christian witness more - being silent while our neighbor is unjustly killed or exposing the evil works of darkness [Ephesians 5:11] by showing the atrocities being committed against our neighbor? We think the former. What a pathetic people we are if we want to tolerate the oppression of an entire people group, but then become outraged when someone displays the suffering of that people group.

At the end of WW II, our American soldiers marched the citizens of Germany pass the remains of those who died in the death camps. They marched men, women, and children past the remains of those who died in the death camps. Why did they do it? Because those citizens all stood guilty for having tolerated the atrocities that went on in their midst. So it is in America today, we all stand guilty for being silent while this atrocity goes on in our nation.

May people be moved with compassion for the helpless preborn when they see these photographs and act to see this bloodshed outlawed. Otherwise, God will use His sword of justice and bring retribution upon a nation of people whose hands are covered with blood.

Separated unto the Gospel,
Pastor Matt Trewhella
Founder Missionaries to the Preborn

Tips / Rules for living

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•There is a strategy for communicating with some one who doesn't speak your language that well. Not included in the strategy is repeating what you say only louder and slower. Here's a tip, English does not translate into German no matter how loud or slow you speak it.

•Please, only use the express line at a store if you are paying in cash. You are buying, at the most, 12 items. There is no reason to put these few items on a credit card, thus slowing us all down while we wait for the three to five receipts that are coming. And I swear, the next person who pays with a check in the express lane is getting a throat punch.

•If you do not know all the words to a song, please don't sing along to it. This is really annoying to the people around you, but they are all too kind to tell you to stop.

•There should be criteria on the type of cars that can have certain modifications. That means no putting loud bass systems in rusted out Chevy Cavaliers.

But, if you are going to do this, please play only a certain kind of music. Michelle Branch is not acceptable.

Thanks for your time.

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Comfortably walking out

Gay, lesbian, bisexual, trans-gender and allies celebrate sexual diversity

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia

They're coming out and getting the party started.

Friday, Oct. 11 was National Coming Out Day. The gay communities of the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus celebrated together with the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire's gay student community.

The objective of the event was not to get people to come out of the closet, but to provide gays and lesbians support and to increase awareness. It's also for people, in general, to learn how to feel comfortable about their sexuality no matter who they love. Conceivably, you could come out as straight on National Coming Out Day and celebrate love.

"It's to support people in their decision to come out," KT Hoogenraad, a bisexual student on campus who attended the event, said. "To support allies that come out and to celebrate people who are out because it's such a hard thing to do."

Housing and residents life kicked off the celebration on Thursday, October 10 by showing the movie "But I'm a Cheerleader."

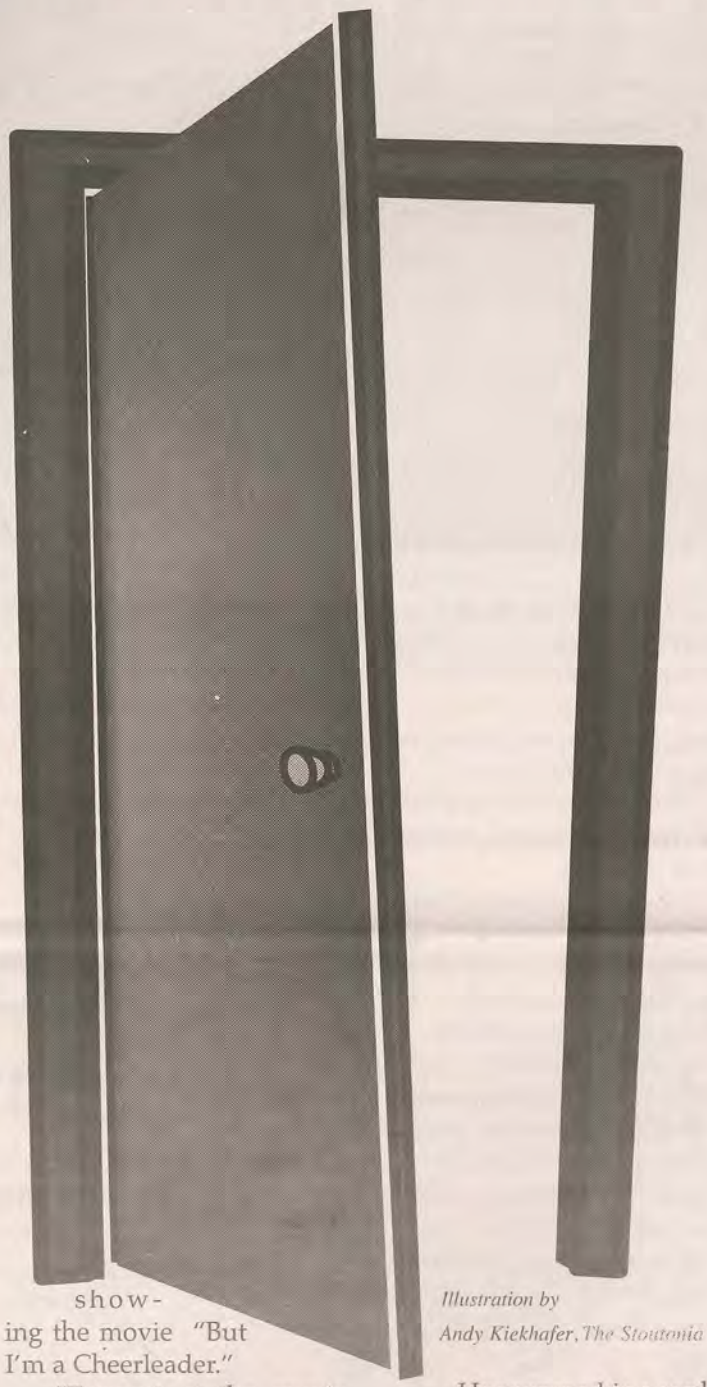


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"Turnout at the movie was really good," said Hoogenraad. "I saw faculty and staff there, which was really encouraging.

Hoogenraad is a sophomore in family and consumer sciences and just recently came out.

Friday's events included a rally that started at 7 p.m. The first half of the rally was dedicated to inspirational speakers who gave personal coming out stories, and the second half was open to any who wanted to share their thoughts, feelings or ideas.

"We had a pretty good turn out for Stout," said Alex Nelson, a transfer student and junior in apparel design.

Nelson single handedly planned and organized the events that took place last Friday.

"Sometimes, you just have to do things yourself," Nelson said. "This is the first time we really had to do it here."

Nelson represents the gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgender (G.L.B.T.) in the student senate so that their issues can be heard. He seemed to be a good guy for the job.

The goals of the celebration were to create awareness of gays on campus and make people feel more comfortable with being homosexual.

"It enables you to bring up the topic of being gay," said Nelson.

The 10% society and the G.L.B.T. also did some preparation for the celebration by trying to create awareness.

"We sidewalk chalked throughout campus that Thursday night," said Ashley Groshek, a senior and a psychology major. She is the female co-chair of the 10% society on campus.

In general, things went well and as planned on Friday; the gay community wasn't as ridiculed as it has been in the past. This year, people didn't verbally protest gay rights or anti-chalk. The only problems that occurred were within the organizations.

"I don't mind the chalk on the ground," said Nick Gross, a straight student who is an undecided sophomore. "It doesn't bother me, as long as they're not hitting on me."

The environment on campus seemed hostile last week with all the protesting going on, but gays didn't get the backlash. Most are very excited about the growing awareness on campus.

"This year was the best turn out and the best we could of possibly pulled off," said Groshek. "We're no different than anyone else, we just happen to love somebody that is the same sex as us. It doesn't make it wrong, it just makes it different."

Not everybody who went to the events was part of the 10% society or G.L.B.T. Some people that went were heterosexual. These people are called allies. They are supporters of the people in the gay community.

"It's the remembrance of the time, just to remember how it felt to come out and how relieving it felt to come out," Hoogenraad said. "I can finally be myself."

Get into it! Homecoming is not just a game

Homecoming week is filled with student-led events for all

Krystle Williams
The Stoutonia

Beer, contests, royalty, beer, costumes, a parade, beer, students coming together and much, much more beer!

Do you even have to ask the question: Why participate in homecoming?

Yes, it's that time again, time to roll out the kegs and show your school spirit.

"I'll wake up for cartoons and cocktails, have breakfast at the Buck, go to the parade, football game, party, end up at the bars, and pass out," said Scott Ernster, a senior business major.

Of course, there is more to homecoming than just alcohol. There are activities planned throughout the week that students are invited to attend.

"It's better than sitting in your room doing homework all night," said Laura Perlbachs.

Perlbachs, a freshman majoring in retail merchandising and management, is eager to participate in Homecoming events.

Perlbachs also attended the soapbox derby that took place on Monday. Although it was freezing outside, she stuck it out and had fun witnessing the little cars maneuver downhill and the drivers try to stay in control.

While the majority of the events took place over the beginning of the week, the two signature homecoming events take place this weekend: the parade and the football game. The parade will begin at 11a.m. at the Dunn County Recreation park. Organizations will battle it out for the title of the best float.

Saturday marks the event that the entire week revolves around, the game. The Blue Devils will take on Concordia-Moorhead at 1 p.m. at Don and Norma Williams Stadium.

Royal court and the organization spirit award winners will be announced at half-time, wrapping up the games and sending the winning organizations home to gloat for the next year.



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

Penny wars rage as organizations donate spare change to help the Dunn County Humane Society.

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"Busting up the biggest party weekend"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

Ahh, as homecoming weekend gets closer, the smell of barbeque, beer and dirty football jerseys makes the mouths of students at University of Wisconsin-Stout water with anticipation of the upcoming sleepless fun.

As much as the university doesn't want to admit it, homecoming week is just another excuse for students to dress up in their best clothes and party. The liquor stores will be flooded with people buying barrels and liquor products of choice, causing many students to be in a perma-drunken state for the weekend's events.

The question on everyone's mind when planning this weekend's activities is, "How bad are the police going to be?"

UW-Stout's party-school image has been under the foot of both the Chancellor's Coalition against problem drinking and the local police. Fines have gone up dramatically and police are cracking down on parties, handing out tickets sometimes equalling more than $1,000.

If the policy's purpose was to scare students, it did an excellent job, but if authorities thought they could stop student drinking, they were misled.

Drinking will always be a college pass-time, and students will always find a way around the system.

No one wants to get a ticket or fine, but the risk is worth the drink to many students on campus.

Often times, when a party gets busted early in the evening, students wander the streets in search of another party, or something to do. This can lead to even more trouble. Rather, students leaving an unbusted party may be partied-out and ready to go home and sleep off their alcohol.

For homecoming weekend, more than any other weekend, alcohol will be in prevalent abundance. I hope that the police will focus the bulk of their attention on making sure these drunken students get home safely than on uping the busted-party house list.

Don't slack on Tuesday

Students should set up a meeting with their adviser on Advisement Day

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

A student seeks advise from her advisor on what classes she will need to get closer to graduating. Looking over course listimgs, together they find the best solution.

You may think that Advisement Day is just for sleeping in, slacking off and fun, but if you don't go, you may be digging yourself a hole that you can't get out of.

Advisement day is when you meet with your adviser, program director and other students in your major to make sure that you are on the right track and to help you plan what classes you'll register for next semester.

"I go to make sure I'm doing what I need to get done," said Bethany Belland, a sophomore in psychology. "I want to make sure I'm on track with my major."

Not everybody agrees with Belland. Some people have never been to an advisement meeting or have only been to their first one.

Some majors don't require that you meet with your advisers, but most will not release the hold on your record if you don't show up. With a hold on your record, you cannot register for classes until it is taken care of.

"I had to go last time because my adviser refused to meet with me if I didn't," Andy Almos, a junior in technical education, said.

Some people have ulterior motives to go to advisement meetings.

"I get five extra credit points from my biology teacher if I go," said Evin Japuntich, a freshman in technical communication.

Although Japuntich is going to her meeting, many freshmen will not be participating in Advisement Day.

"I don't know what Advisement Day is," said Patti Eckerman, an undecided freshman. "I just know we get the day off school."

Others know what it is, but still don't plan on going.

"I think Advisement Day is a good day to sleep in legally," Christina Sanders, an undecided freshman, said.

Freshman have mixed feelings about advisement day. Some believe it is a good idea to meet with your adviser and others disagree.

"It might be interesting," said Becky Zuber, a freshman who hasn't decided on a major.

Students with an undecided major also have an advisor and may find this day just as useful.

Other people aren't too excited to get up early and go to a meeting all morning, and may think it's boring.

"I think it's really going to suck," said Jamie Jorgensen, a freshman in apparel design and development.

If you don't go, there are consequences. You have to reschedule a meeting with your advisor, you may have problems with registration for spring semester and you may not know what courses you should be registering for.

"I just go so that I don't have to try to reschedule an appointment," said Nick Gross, an undecided sophomore. "They give you the day off for it, so you should just go to it."

Door opened for gay fraternity

Students unite to form a gay friendly fraternity: Delta Lambda Phi

David Zill
The Stoutonia

The motto for the city of Menomonie is, "Traditional yet progressive." This could also apply to the University of Wisconsin-Stout as the fraternity Delta Lambda Phi works its way to campus.

Founded in 1986, Delta Lambda Phi (DLP) has 24 chapters across the country. Students are working to bring DLP here, and if they do, UW-Stout could become its first Wisconsin chapter.

DLP has no detailed requirements except that members are gay or gay friendly, committed to principles of brotherhood, community and willing to go through traditional greek rights of passage.

According to Charlie Grandenetti, National Executive Director of DLP, the fraternity provides, "an outlet for gay men that isn't sex oriented or around alcohol. It gives them the Greek experience along with dignified social, recreational and service activities."

Grandenetti said that DLP fits in well with other Greek organizations.

"Overall, our presence on campuses is a good fit," said Grandenetti. "We usually get a warm reception from other Greeks. We are also involved with inter-fraternal councils across the country."

Senior Timothy Marx, DLP's acting historian, recruitment co-chair and head of public relations, agrees.

"I am not sure anyone knows about us 'cause we are still in our early stages," marx said. "But I think once we get established we will be pretty welcome on campus, and people will support us."

According to Marx, DLP will be no different from other fraternities on campus.

"We will do rushes, have service projects and ritualistic ceremonies."

Marx anticipates that in about a year, DLP will be fully up and running.

"[My vision is] to see DLP open people's minds and acknowledge gay culture, as well as show others that we are not afraid," Marx said. "I definitely think DLP will make UW-Stout a leader for UW schools, as well as the rest of the nation."

Dr. Sharon Nero, a professor of social sciences, is pleased to see DLP coming to campus. Nero feels that with this, as in all campus issues, some faculty and staff will support it, some will be indifferent and some will be against it.

"I am proud of UW-Stout. I think it's great," she said. "It will be another way to celebrate diversity that we are trying to embrace."

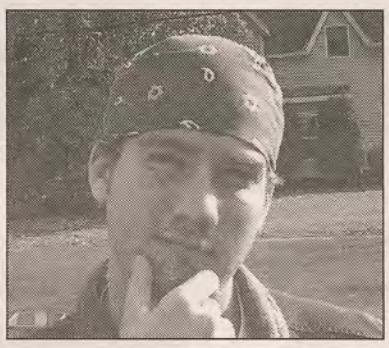


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Campus Slant



"A homecoming where the beer flows like wine and the women flock like salmon of Capistrano."
~Dave Owens,
Jr., technical education



"A week in the Garden of Eden. one hundred percent nudity, zero percent regret!"
~Brad Reiser
Jr., packaging

If you could pick a homecoming theme, what would it be?



"Stephen King clowns on unicycles."
~Justin Peddycourt
Jr., graphic design

"A low security prison with conjugal visits."
~Bryan Carroll
Sr., multimedia design



Next Week:

What was the weirdest thing you received while Trick-or-treating?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

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The Fake News

Stoutonia races soap box dirty

Authorities questions soap box driver, Matt Tracy's ameteur status

Petey Farmer
The Stoutonia

The University of Wisconsin-Stout held a soapbox derby on Tuesday. The event, part of a week-long homecoming celebration with a 1920's theme, had many participants.

On Wednesday, it was discovered that one of the teams had an unfair advantage over the other racers.

Team *Stoutonia*, which dominated much of the competition, had experts on their team. This violated a strict amateur versus professional rule that was in place.

Specifically, it was discovered that Team *Stoutonia* driver Matt Tracy had expert coaching from his uncle, world champion Grand Prix driver Paul Tracy.

"It was obvious that he had had a lot of professional coaching," said race official Darrin Watucki. "It was specifically stated in the rules that only amateurs were allowed to enter the race. Even though [Tracy] was not a real driver, the access he had to talent like his uncle qualifies as a serious rule infraction."

Another reason for Team *Stoutonia's* disqualification was the fact that car designer Kurt Trnka's father works for NASA. It alleged that Trnka's father was instrumental in the design of the unmatched soapbox racer.

"I don't think it's fair that they had someone from NASA working on their car," said Keegan O'Brian, driver of Team DECA's soapbox racer. "I mean, of course they're going to have the perfect car, the people they had working on it can design a space shuttle to go around the moon."

While investigations are still pending, the Homecoming points that *The Stoutonia* team earned are being discounted. How this will affect their domination of the Homecoming spirit competition remains to be seen.

Team *Stoutonia* was vocal about its disappointment surrounding the fiasco.

"So what if my uncle is one of the best Grand Prix racers around,' said Matt Tracy. "Look, just because [Paul Tracy] knows how to drive a Prix car real fast does not translate into me being able to roll down a hill real fast. That's crazy."

Another rumor that has surfaced is the alleged telekinetic powers of Team *Stoutonia* race chief and *Stoutonia* Editor-in-Chief Nick Coenen. It has been surmised, though with much skepticism, that Coenen used these powers to propel the soapbox racer at high speeds.

"I don't know what you're talking about," said Coenen. "I have no mind powers what so ever. No mind powers what so ever. No mind powers what so ever. Understand?"



by Jack Knackter, The Stoutonia

Grand Prix driver, Paul Tracy allegedly taught ameteur Matt Tracy a few tricks behind the wheel.

Nick Coenen indeed has no mind powers what so ever, and the notion that he does is ludacrious.

"In fact, everyone else cheated except us," said Coenen. "Everyone else cheated except us. Everyone else cheated except us."

Further investigations by Blue Devil Productions will determine Coenen's powers.



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The marketing of our youth



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Matt Tracy, Esq.

In stores today, we see advertising campaign after advertising campaign. On television, commercials look for new ways to be creative and spark consumers to buy their product.

One of the newer trends in advertising is to take an already successful product and attach its fame to your product. What this means is that athletes endorse products, old fads are used to sell new products and memories of the past are used to sell products of the future.

That may be fine for some people, but I would rather remember these things as they were--great parts of my childhood. For instance, I don't know how many people saw "Scooby-Doo," the movie, but there is no way it was better than the original. The memory of Scooby-Doo is now associated with a Hollywood movie that was only made to cash in on a fad.

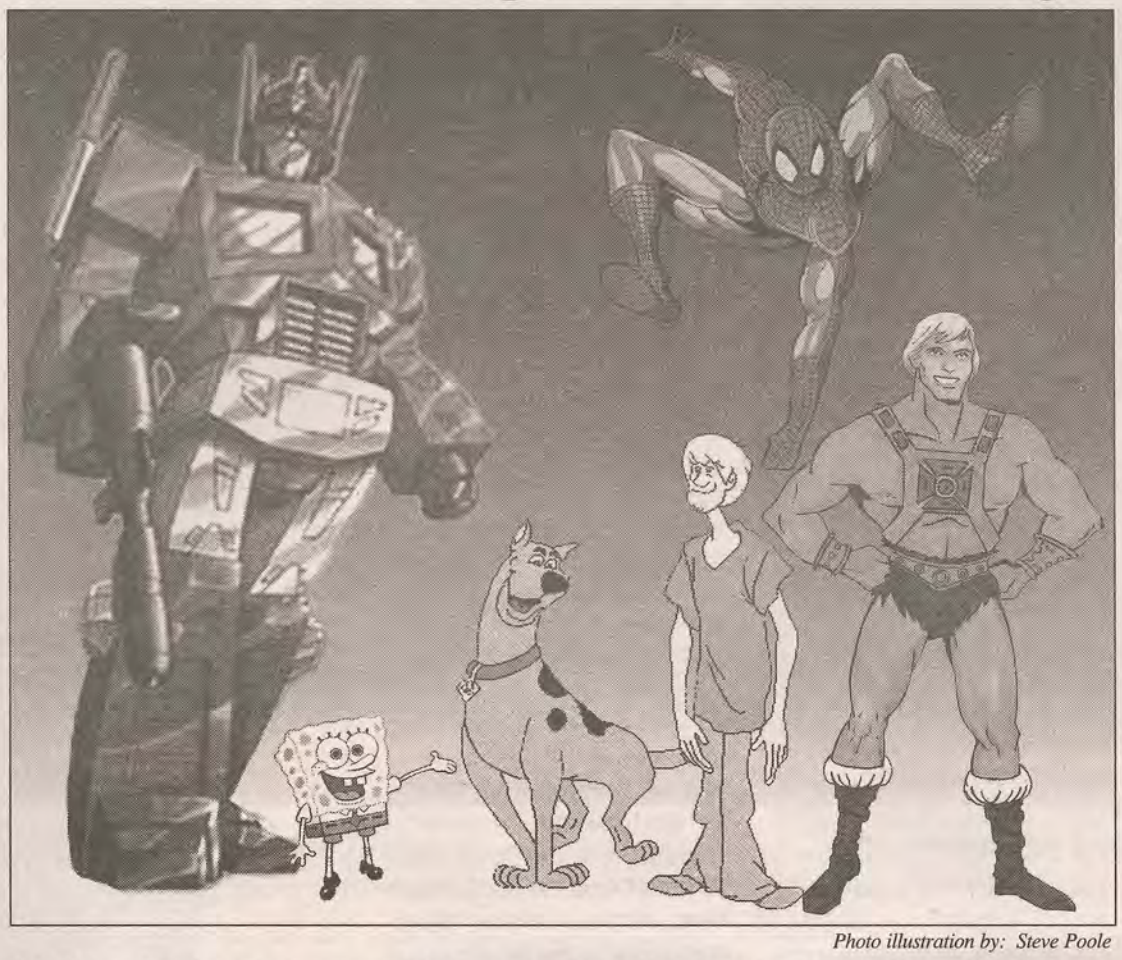


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Childhood characters are making a comeback for the new generation of children.

Not that it can't be done right. Comic books have had their fair share of fame in the last few years. Hollywood took a relatively obscure culture, comic book fans, and made movies out of their passion. So, we get great movies like "Blade," "X-Men," and of course, "Spiderman."

With all the fame these new-found properties have gained, there are plenty of jilted comic book fans that will complain that either the movies aren't good enough, or that they were the originators of the bandwagon that everyone in America is now jumping on.

That is the nature of Madison Avenue at this point. They latch onto something that everyone thinks is cool, and then market it for all it's worth.

Look at the current Spongebob Squarepants phenomena. There are already people screaming "poser" to anyone who wears the merchandise of this new fad. Spongebob, you might say, has been "Hot Topic-ed" to death. The fad is destined to fall out of favor quickly, simply because people are discovering that it is indeed cool. It is a vicious circle.

Then there are people who think it's a good idea to take a new property that has been comfortably resting in history and breathe new life into it. What they fail to realize is that there is no way a copy of the original can be as good. A second coming of The Transformers or He-Man will not be good and will only kill the fad off again, just faster.

I prefer to remember my childhood and not have it repackaged and sold to a new generation. Yes, I'm selfish. I would like to see people come up with their own ideas, like Spongebob Squarepants. But, I am a realist, and I know that the best I can do is this article. So, I will urge you to not accept these new devices of capitalism. And if you do, please do it with the cynicism it deserves.

The new face of pop

David Zill
The Stoutonia

Say bye, bye, bye to the innocent teen faces in the music industry of the last few years.

The leading boys and girls of pop have grown up. Those who made so many adolescents scream are adults now, but can they smash their pretty pop image?

Backstreet Boy, Nick Carter, will release his first solo album Now or Never on Oct. 29. Help me, was the first single released off the album in August.

"I'm trying to put my rock influence in, big time," said the boy band member extraordinaire in the September issue of Teen People. "Everyone is digging Linkin Park and all that stuff, but I want to bring more of a pop essence to the rock."



Courtesy of: the official Christina Aguilera website

Christina Aguilera has a whole new look and a whole new style for her new album that includes *Dirrty*.

Sporting this year's latest in chaps, panties and bikini tops is the former genie in a bottle, Christina Aguilera. As provocative as what she is hardly wearing, the title of her new album is Stripped.

Also scheduled to arrive in stores Oct. 29, Aguilera co-wrote nearly all the songs on the album, including her latest release, Dirrty. Her album also features a variety of writers and producers such as Linda Perry from 4 Non Blondes; Eve; Glen Ballard, who worked with Alanis Morissette; and Alicia Keys.

No, they are not splitting up, but lead singer from N'SYNC, Justin Timberlake, will be going solo with his new album Justified.

"I think people want to put him in a box, a boy band box, or an N'SYNC box, but he's not like that," said Chad Hugo of the Neptunes to MTV news. "He is a real individual and a dope vocalist."

The Neptunes produced many of the songs on Justified, which will be available Nov. 12.

Despite the anticipation of the music industry, University of Wisconsin-Stout students are not embracing the releas-

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keyboard-based rock
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Homecoming, to a TV near you



Courtesy of: imbd.com

Al Pacino stars in "The Godfather" trilogy, a great example of gangster etiquette to prep for homecoming.

Kim Hauschildt
The Stoutonia

In honor of homecoming and all its wonderful festivities, I have decided to give a list of movies to prepare and help get students into the homecoming spirit. These movies are sure to satisfy anyone's movie-loving stereotypes of homecoming, and get everyone revved up for the big game.

Many people have favorite football movies. "Varsity Blues" struck a cord for a lot of students. It showed the struggles of being a number-one athlete and the stress that coaches, parents and communities can put on a sports team.

"I loved 'Varsity Blues' because it was a direct representation of actual high school football and the politics that went into it," stated Alyson Mitchell, a freshman in hotel, restaurant and tourism.

"'Rudy' was very inspiring for me and got me excited to play [football] in high school," said Joe Rintleman, a Resident Advisor in Wigen Hall. For many males, "Rudy," is believed to be one of the best films about the desire of wanting to play and succeed.

"Brian's Song" and "Remember the Titans" touched on teamwork and overcoming racial tension. The teams beat all odds, and in the end, prove to be winners.

Maybe some remember the movie "Lucas." Lucas is a little nerdy and wants the attention of a girl who is in love with the quarterback. He tries getting her attention by going out for the football team, but ends up getting seriously hurt, and the school rallies around him at the hospital.

On the lighter side of football, "Waterboy," "The Replacements," and "Bring It On" will make you laugh. "Waterboy" is the classic Adam Sandler film of a waterboy that turned star player behind his mamma's back. "The Replacements" is the story of second string players keeping the game alive while the big players are on strike. "Bring It On" dwells on the aspects of being the perfect cheerleading team.

Looking at the fraternity and sorority side, there are two movies that immediately come to mind as perfect films. "Animal House" as well as "Revenge of the Nerds" are awesome examples.

These two movies show the struggle of being the underdog fraternity and trying to out do the cool, much more confident, fraternity.

A movie that came out last year called "Van Wilder" is also good to see because it is hysterical. This movie deals with an eight-year college student and a jealous fraternity president.

"College life was realistically shown in 'Van Wilder' and the humor was perfectly placed," commented undecided sophomore Chris Ryder, long snapper for the University of Wisconsin-Stout football team.

This year's theme for homecoming is the Roaring 20s. When thinking of the 1920s, I personally think of gangsters and flappers. Watch "The Godfather," parts I, II, and III. All show the life of a mob family. "Scarface" is another good one that touches on the drug lord/gangster side. Almost any of Al Pacino's first movies would be good gangster movies. Study these to find the gangster inside of you.

So when wondering how to get pumped up for all the festivities, there is a plethora of movies to get everyone motivated for the big game. Now get watching and have fun. Good luck Blue Devils!



Courtesy of: homevideo.universalstudions.com

Classic, "Animal House," has entertained college crowds for years, as it celebrates its 20th anniversary.

Albums/ new releases

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es of these albums with eagerness.

"I hate the USA teeny-bopper music; these artists are just a fad," said Erin Doede, an undecided freshman. "I don't have much faith in the music today. It seems these music companies are not about music, but money."

Krista Johansen, a sophomore in retail merchandising, said, "I think boy bands are overrated, so it's a good thing that [Carter and Timberlake] are going solo."

She likes Timberlake's release Like I Love You and Aguilera's Dirrty, because they sound cool and you can dance to them, but added that she will not be buying either of the albums.



Courtesy of: images.google.com

Nick Carter is part of the boy band trend, but is now venturing out ona solo career.

"This is, like, really her," said Alex Nelsen, a junior in apparel design, of the change in Aguilera's style of music. "She has changed her style because pop is dead."

Doede said of Aguilera's new style, "She should turn tricks instead of singing songs."



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Mark Mallman's madness

Area musician brings more than songs to his performances

Amanda Dobbratz
The Stoutonia

Broken fingers, dislocated shoulders, dismemberment of a plastic rabbits, Garth Brooks covers and daisy spitting: all this and more can be witnessed at a performance of Mark Mallman. One experience is enough to detect the undercurrents of insanity that run throughout Mallman's live shows.

Luckily, such an opportunity is close at hand. Mark Mallman will be performing with Menomonie's own band, Supertrooper, on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 8 p.m. in Huff's.

"I'm uninformed. That's why I'm going to go check it out," says senior graphic design major Ken Hannigan.

Touted as the Twin Cities' premiere wild man, Mallman is infamous for staging performance art/publicity stunts around the Twin Cities.

"My sources say he's kind of like Elton John on acid," says Darrin Witucki, Blue Devil Productions advisor.

In the most mythical of such happenings, Mallman performed a 26.2-hour song entitled "Marathon" at the Turf Club in St. Paul, Minn. The piece required the aid of thirty musicians and a thick stack of lyrics. Consequently, Mallman lost his singing voice for three months.

Mallman's music ranges from keyboard-driven pop to pared-down, suicide-tinged pleas. These dire subjects combine with literary play to create lyrics that deal with the desperate in a delicate, self-effacing way.

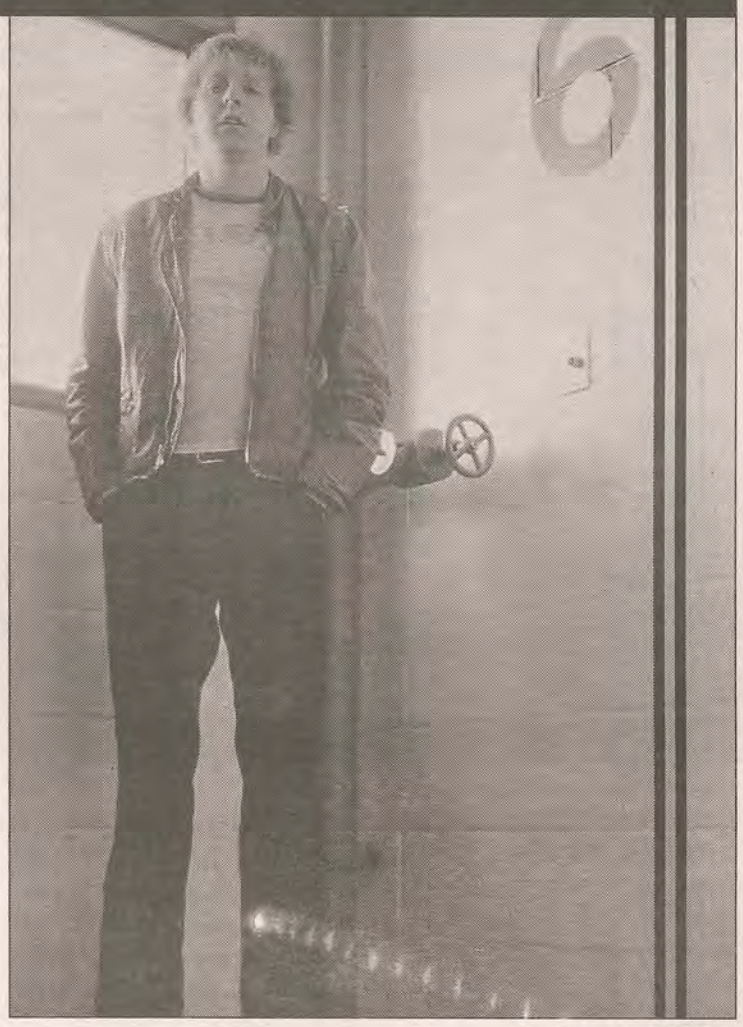
While administering an interview to another songwriter, Mallman fires a compounded string of questioning.

"What are you wearing? I'm wearing my Diet Pepsi t-shirt, jeans, no underwear, motorcycle boots, sunglasses on the head (not the face)."

"What do you think of the new rock? I think your music is so sexy. You once told me that music should have an element of sexy to it. 'Do you like shoe shopping?"

MARK MALLMAN

What: rock musician
When: Oct. 23 @ 8 p.m.
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Mark Mallman has a unique style of performing and is compared to Elton John.

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Finding fun, not so far away



Courtesy of: the official State Theatre website

The Historic State Theatre in Minneapolis, Minn. is one of many entertainment venues in the Twin Cities.

Erin Hogan-Braker
The Stoutonia

Those slimy, house party basement walls will only leave clothes smelling like a stripper's pole. The Menomonie bars, with the scantly-clad crowd that fills them, will still be going on another night.

Luckily for University of Wisconsin-Stout students, there are substitute outing choices just down Interstate 94 in Minneapolis and St. Paul, Minn. If you can spare the cash after all those drinking tickets add up and you are looking for something of worth to do, check out any of these upcoming events in the Cities.

Singer/Songwriter, Ryan Adams, will be playing at the Historic State Theater in Minneapolis on Friday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m.

"Sad music at its best can be found in country and folk," said Adams on his music.

This show will offer all the heartbreak, just-broke-up-with-my-girl, music you can enjoy.

Comedian Maria Bamford will be performing at the ACME Comedy Club from Oct. 22 to Oct. 26. Of her comedy, the ACME Comedy Co. promises, "Impressions of everyone you know. From your awful boss at work, to the redneck townie woman that still wears blue eye shadow, Maria has them down pat."



The legendary concert venue, First Avenue, will be bringing in David Bazan's band, Pedro the Lion, for a show on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 6 p.m. SPIN magazine called the band's 1998 release one of the "ten best records you didn't hear."

If you have not already, students should definitely take the opportunity to see a live Jurassic 5 show. The hip-hop sextet will be performing alongside the Beatnuts at First Avenue on Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m., British award-winning musician, Damon Gough (aka Badly Drawn Boy) will perform at Minneapolis's Fine Line Café. Observers coming to this show can expect to hear, "arrangements that reflect a great deal of creativity," said Fine Line's website.

For a guaranteed energetic live show, go see G. Love and the Special Sauce at The Quest Wednesday, Oct. 30. Hailing from Philadelphia, G. Love brings laid-back blues topped with a little bit of rap vocals and a little bit more love. The doors open at 8 p.m.

A local favorite, The Big Wu, will appear at the Historic State Theatre on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. This band started originally as a way for members to kick back and drink in Northfield, Minn., and eventually grew into a huge jam band favorite.

"The one thing that really sparkles about the Big Wu is that we write damn good songs," says Jason Fladger, lead guitar and vocals.

Do something different. Go check out comedian Dave Attell of Comedy Central's late-night show, "Insomniac," on Nov. 3. Attell, who has made numerous appearances on Conan O'Brien's and David Letterman's shows, will be headlining at the 11th annual ACME Comedy Co. Gala at the State Theatre The event starts at 7:30 p.m.

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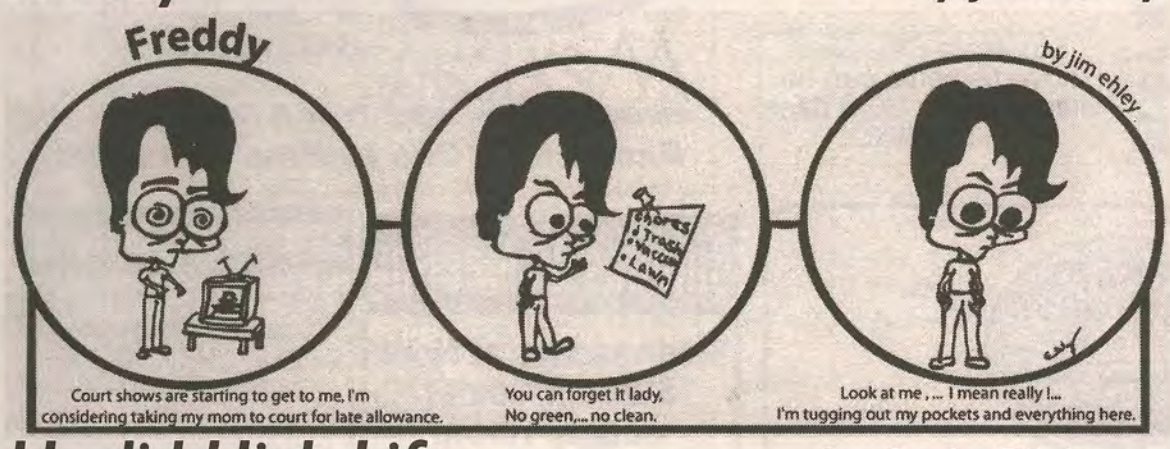
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Twins forced to look to 2003



BENCHWARMER

Curt Trnka

For 49 of the 50 states, the baseball season is over. With both the Minnesota Twins and St. Louis Cardinals losing in the league championship series' California is the lone state with teams that are still playing baseball.

While fans in California are watching the World Series, fans in Minnesota are wondering what the 2003 season will be like. During the last off-season the Twins fought off contraction and were be able to return to the playoffs for the first time in over a decade.

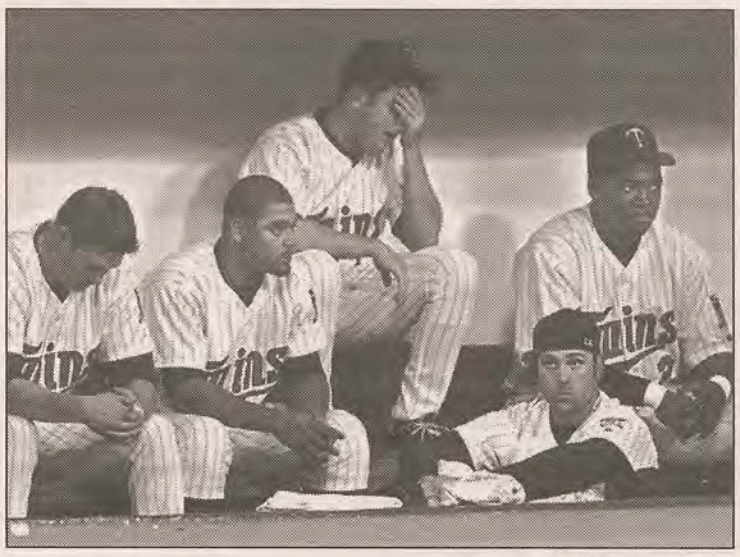
Fresh off their first trip to the postseason in 11 years and with contraction now behind them, the team will have an easy off-season, no? No. With payroll concerns and contracts to be signed, the Twins have a busy couple of months ahead of them.

The man who the Twins want to guide them through the next few seasons is Terry Ryan. He has been the Twins' General Manager since 1994, and he will meet later this week with team owner Carl Pohlad to discuss his future. It is believed a multiyear agreement is in the works, but nothing has been set. Ryan has been quoted as saying he is planning to be around for a while.

Once Ryan gets his contract he will have plenty to do. Before he begins working on the 2003 roster, he has to catch up on scouting players in fall instructional leagues. Along with all the other tasks he normally had done by now in years past when the Twins did not make it to the playoffs.

Something tells me that even though he might be behind with his work, he would love to have that problem every year.

Last year, Minnesota's payroll jumped from about $26 million to over $41 million this season. If Pohlad opens his multi-billion dollar wallet to keep his team together, the Twins should have no trouble getting past the weak AL Central for another trip to the playoffs.



courtesy, The Minnesota Twins

The Twins watch their World Series hopes fade during game five of the ALCS against the Anihiem Angels.

Two big-name Twins (there's an oxymoron for you) Torii Hunter and Doug Mientkiewicz will need large contracts to remain with the team. It would hurt the Twins fans if these players were not with the team next year, but maybe that is not such a bad idea. I onlysay that because Hunter will cost millions a year with a huge contract and Mientkiewicz does not have the offense most teams required from a first baseman.

Looking to the future: A.J. Pierzynski had a career year this season and should be behind the plate for the next few years or at least until home-grown Joe Mauer is ready.

The starting pitching should be better next year. Look for Brad Radke, Eric Milton, and Joe Mays to become a trio that could rival Oakland's three hurlers who are the best in the game. Also look for Kyle Lohse and Johan Santana to hold the final two spots in the rotation.

Keeping the payroll down will be an issue for this new era of Twins as they grow older, but there will be many things to look forward to next season. I expect to see Hunter finally hit 30 home runs, and I would not be surprised if any of the other outfielders also hit 30.

The bullpen will not be as good, but that is to be expected after they had such a great season. Next year they will be phasing in young relief pitchers Adam Johnson and Jack Cressend, so things might get rough.

Hopefully the Twins will have a good off-season, and be able to return to the playoffs in 2003, but in the mean time all eyes look to the west coast to enjoy a World Series without the Yankees.

The week in sports

Shane Horchem
The Stoutonia

Football

The Blue Devils (4-1, 2-1) step out of the conference in the annual homecoming game as the Blue Devils will host Concordia-Moorhead, Saturday, Oct. 19 at 1 p.m. This is the first time the two teams have met.

Last week: On a day that the University of Wisconsin-Stout defense shined, no individual shone brighter than Eric Moe, a senior from Hixton, Wis., as he recorded three interceptions with a 34-yard touchdown return with a total of 56 yards in returns and broke the school career interception record. For his efforts, Moe was named the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) defensive player of the week.

The Blue Devil defense dug in and held UW-Oshkosh to 185 total yards as UW-Stout won, 24-3, Oct. 12. Special teams player of the week went to Erick Hawkins, a sophomore from Akron, Ohio. The offensive scout team player of the week was Matt Madderom, a sophomore from Rhinelander, Wis. The defensive scout team player of the week was Tony Fitts, a freshmand from Kewaskum, Wis. The Blue Devils were ranked 20th in the latest American Football Coaches Association Division III poll.

Volleyball

The Blue Devils (20-4, 3-1) play three conference games this week, traveling to play the Blugolds, Wednesday, Oct. 16, then coming home for the homecoming weekend to host University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, Friday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. and University of Wisconsin-Platteville, Saturday, Oct. 19 at noon. Last week, UW-Stout defeated University of Wisconsin-Superior, 3-0, Oct. 9. Player of the week was Lindsay Mensink, sophomore from Ostrander, Minn.

Soccer

The Blue Devils (5-2-4, 1-0-4) will be at perennial conference powerhouse, University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Tuesday, Oct. 15, then will host Gustavus Adolphus, Friday, Oct. 18 at 7 p.m. Last week: The Blue Devils played to a fourth conference tie, a 2-2 contest with University of Wisconsin - River Falls, Oct. 11. The offensive player of the week was Rosa Cambray, a junior from Delavan, Wis.; The defensive player of the week went to Stacy Normington, a senior from Delavan, Wis.

Hockey

The Blue Devils lost only four seniors from last year's squad, but still return a very young squad with only three seniors - forward Drew Nichols, from Victoria, Minn., defensemen Cullen Flaherty, from Duluth, Minn. and Dan Moes from North St. Paul Minn. UW-Stout is expecting to have 11 juniors, five sophomores and 13 freshmen in uniform.

"We are a very young team," Watkins said, but he added that he is excited with the incoming talent.

In the goal, all-conference pick Jeff Dotson a junior from Chanhassen, Minn., returns. Dotson, who set a school record for single season goals against average (GAA) with a 2.94 mark, went 7-6-1 before missing the final five games with a leg injury.

"He is as good as there is in the conference," Watkins said about the 6-foot, 3-inch Dotson. "Jeff worked hard over the summer and works very hard in practice. He is the first guy on the ice and the last guy to leave."

Cross Country

The team returns to action this week when they

Stoutonia's Racer of the week

Matt Tracy



The Facts:
Senior (2 times)
Roller
Deforest, Wis.
Technical Communications

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Tracy raced for Team *Stoutonia* this Tuesday in the Homcoming Soapbox Derby. He rolled to first place in the organizations group. Racing five times, Tracy earned a derby best 4-1 record. He did not fall off. Not even once.



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Team works hard to excite fans

Rebecca Werner
The Stoutonia

When most people think of cheerleaders, they picture a clan of beautiful, skinny and ditzy girls.

This common stereotype could not be further from the truth.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout co-ed cheerleading team is comprised of intelligent, skilled and dedicated individuals.

"It's a lot of hard work; you have to be very well rounded in a lot of things," said Trisha Museus, a senior, who is the captain and coach of the team.

This season, the team has been avidly working on tumbling, standing back hand springs, round-offs and many other challenging stunts.

"You have to have a lot of strength both physically and mentally," Museus said.

Females on the team usually lead the crowds in cheers during the games; they are backed up by the voices of the men occasionally.

The ladies must have the courage and talent to perform stunts. Tossed into the air, they must twist their bodies to land correctly.

"The key is your ability to jump and your ability to fly," assistant coach Chandra Froom said. "It doesn't matter how light you are; it's how high you can go."

To assist the ladies, the men serve as bases, lifters and springboards. Often, the ladies stand on the men's shoulders while supporting a teammate on top of themselves.

"The hardest challenge is keeping your center of gravity in the right spot while staying balanced [when you are] three stories (people) high," Froom said.

> "It's a lot of hard work; you have to be very well rounded in a lot of things."
>
> **Trisha Museus**
> *Sr., Cheerleading captian*

Along with balancing multiple girls, the men also have the difficult task of lifting the ladies in the air and above their heads.

"We need more guys who can hold people above their heads," said Waylon Butler, a junior on the team, performing in his first season.

He said the hardest thing for the guys is to be able to securely elevate the ladies.

Most importantly, the men take on the important assignment of spotting during stunts. Due to successful spotting, the team has avoided injuries for the past year and a half.

"It's a great feeling when you hit a stunt," Christie Boody, a sophomore, said. "Falls aren't fun, but they motivate us to do better."

Not only does this group possess the athetic ability to perform these stunts, they also are excellent students. The average GPA on the team is above 3.0, which is remarkably high.

In perspective, the girls on fourth floor Wigen, the honors program floor, are striving for a 3.2 average. They had to be coaxed by their R.A. to raise this from 2.8.

Most students can relate to the time commitment it takes to achieve academic success. However, few comprehend the strain that the cheerleaders put into being excellent students and great athletes.

In an average week, the team usually logs over ten hours of practice. The season lasts from the first day of school to the last home basketball game, which is usually hosted in late February.

Cheerleaders are expected to perform at every varsity home football game. In addition, their season is extend to all of the men's and women's home basketball games.

During the basketball season, the team puts in up to nine hours of performance time in one week!

"[Christie] is always at practice; her days are always full," said Heather Limberg, the roommate of cheerleader Christie Boody. "She's very dedicated."

Even though cheerleading is not a sport that adults can participate in while at a local park, Bulter said it does hold a lot important skills needed for success in the future, "teamwork for sure and discipline."

Cheerleader Megan Peterson works at the Stout Adventure's climbing wall.

"Megan has a positive-work attitude," Adam Cieslak, Peterson's assistant manager said. "She gets along great with the climbers, and is always helpful."



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Old school sportsmanship



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

There are few sports in this world that allow you to shoot tennis balls at a high velocity, hit each other in the head with giant Q-Tips and use something called a "hand bike." In fact, I bet only one sports arena in the world allows for this kind of fierce competition. With goofy names and bizarre spandex uniforms they are "The American Gladiators."

You are probably wondering why I am writing about this moderately successful, syndicated television program from the 1990's. Well, there is a reason. In fact, I am willing to stake the claim that American Gladiators has single handedly created the downfall of modern sports as we know it.

While I certainly hold the American Gladiators in a very special place in my heart, this show opened the door for so much garbage on television that it is almost frightening. From the blatantly obvious ripoffs of Gladiators to the less obvious general attitudes of professional sports and marketing, Gladiators paved the way for the future of sports.

How can I lay all of this burden on the American Gladiators you may ask? Well, from my intensive study of watching the American Gladiators twice a week over the course of this semester, I have observed a lot.

For example, when the show started, the gladiators and contestants were models of superior sportsmanship and a pure level of competition. However, as the show progressed into the third and fourth seasons, things changed. The gladiators started trash talking and even would go for the occasional cheap shot at the contestants.

At first this blew me away. What had happened? Why had these models of integrity and admiration turned such a 180 in the span of a few years? As I pondered this question, I realized that the American Gladiators was actually much more than a show. It was a commentary on society and it showed how the nation had gone from innocence to intolerance so quickly.

In a lot of ways, American Gladiators helped to usher in the feelings of aggression that are found in every sport today. They encouraged the hard hit and pain in every event and the crowd loved it. There was something about watching someone get pummelled with a pudgle stick that just gave a warm fuzzy inside us all.

Back then though, football was a game that was as clean as a whistle. Barry Sanders handed the ball to the referree and the most outrageous celebrations came from Deion Sanders dancing like a Micheal Jackson backup dancer in the endzone. The same applied for the tame NBA and the ever boring MLB (which is still boring).



courtesy , American Gladiators

Nitro, Ice, Thunder, and all the other American Gladiators pose for an old season promo picture.

Today it is not uncommon to see grand standing and cheap shots in professional sports (just look at Terrell Owens of the San Francisco 49ers). I just have to wonder if Nitro, Gemini and the other gladiators didn't open the flood gates for the brutality and poor sportsmanship we see today. It is probably just our American culture in general that has become more aggressive, but don't tell the creators of American Gladiators that. It is all they have left to hang onto at this point.

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Homecoming match-up

Andy Lee
The Stoutonia

This years homecoming game will be against the Concordia - Moorhead Cobbers (5-1). The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils are 4-1 heading into this non-conference game on Saturday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m. at Don & Nona Williams Stadium.

These two teams have never meet before but more than bragging right will be on the line - the defense of each of the leagues is at stake with possible playoff ramifications down the road. At the present time, Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) schools have won four of the five meetings between the two conferences.

Individually, this game pits a couple of the top teams of each conference. UW-Stout (4-1, 2-1 WIAC) is currently in second place in the WIAC, while Concordia-Moorhead, who is 5-0 in the Minnesota Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (MIAC) is currently on top of the MIAC, a half-game ahead of St. John's, and is on a five game winning streak.

The Blue Devils were not running on all gears in their game against the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh (UW-Stout tallied only 192 total yards). But the defense certainly was on fire as UW-Stout held UW-Oshkosh to 185 total yards, only 29 on the ground, in a 24-3 win.

The Blue Devil secondary had five interceptions, including three by Eric Moe, who set a new mark for career interceptions with 18.

At the start of the game the Titans took a 3-0 lead, but UW-Stout took a 7-3 lead when Phil Ashfield, playing for the injured Nick Ohman, ran in from seven yards out and jumped ahead for good on an interesting play where tailback Ryan Englebert hit Dan Austin with a 28-yard TD pass.

Evan Larsen hit his first collegiate field goal in the third quarter to push the score to 17-3 and Moe's 34-yard fourth quarter interception return closed out the scoring.

Linebackers Jamie Spielman and Mark Ralph had solid games, with Spielman recording 16 tackles with 10 solo, and Ralph finished with 10 tackles.

Playing the Cobbers for homecoming is an interesting draw of opponents, but the nine-team MIAC always fields solid competition so the Blue Devils' fans should be able to see a good game on Saturday.



courtesy, Sports Information

University of Wisconsin-Stout defensive back Eric Moe lead the Blue Devils last week with three picks.

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student life

As the pressure builds, students begin to sign leases for housing next year.

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Vandals strike

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

Elizabeth Huston, a senior in general business administration, just wanted to get to the Homecoming parade staging area on Saturday morning.

But overnight vandals had plans of their own.

According to eight reports compiled by Menomonie police, 27 tires on 14 cars were slashed. There were also reports of items stolen from yards.

The incidents are still under investigation.

"It was just a really big inconvenience," said Huston, whose car tires aren't available in Menomonie.

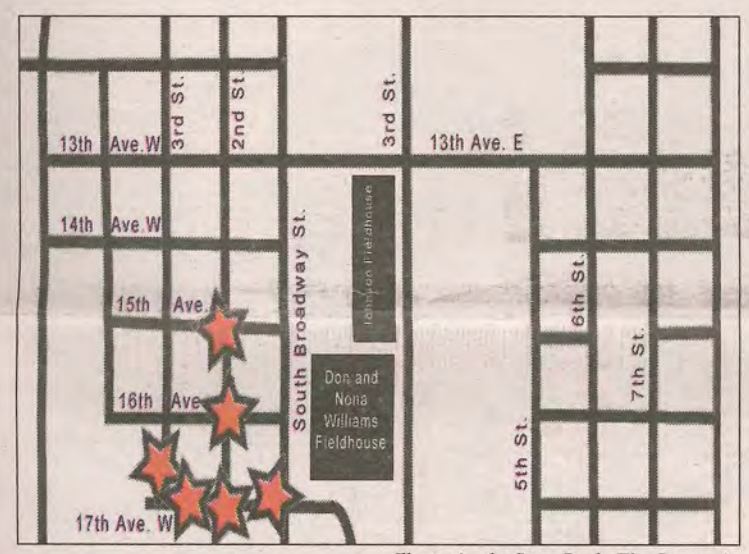


Illustration by Steve Poole, The Stoutonia

The stars on the map indicate addresses where car tires were slashed over Homecoming weekend.

One student wasn't surprised by the vandalism, considering it happened on one of the largest party weekends of the year.

Homecoming is historically a time for college student pranks.

"I feel like it was just a campus activity," said Jamie Rosheim, a senior in industrial design.

One tire was slashed on her minivan and three tires were slashed on a car that is kept on her property.

"I'd like to know who did it," said Rosheim.

Jason Boon, also a senior in industrial design, had one tire slashed on his car. However, because the car has four wheel drive, all four tires needed to be replaced at a cost of $350.

"I really don't know what the chances are for catching the person or persons responsible," said Boon. "I guess I'm not really getting my hopes up."

Governor Scott McCallum visits UW-Stout



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

On a surprise visit to UW-Stout, Governor Scott McCallum walked through the Merle Price Commons during Monday's lunch hour to talk with students.

Spontaneous engine fire ends in campus lot



by Matt Tracy, The Stoutonia

Pictured is the charred hood and engine of Amanda Simmons' 1991 Dodge Shadow, parked in a campus lot.

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia

Imagine driving down Broadway and seeing a teal 1991 Dodge Shadow become engulfed with smoke.

On Tuesday evening, two sisters, Amanda and Sandra Simmons, experienced the shock of a lifetime-when black smoke began to roll out from under their car's hood.

"I was walking out to take out the garbage when I saw about 15 people watching the car," said Jenni Bay, a sophomore in apparel design and development.

"I saw sparks flying from under the car," said Bay. "The smoke was overpowering the air; the smoke drifted all the way over to Bonkers. It was just a gray cloud."

A. Simmons is a local resident while S. Simmons is a junior in art education at University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

"Sometimes it burns oil, but today a lot of black smoke came pouring out while we were driving," said A. Simmons, the owner of the vehicle.

S. Simmons was driving the car after picking up her sister from work; they were headed south on Broadway. The car began to smoke, and S. Simmons was forced to suddenly turn into the parking lot of the campus parking services.

"I'm glad there wasn't any traffic because we had to get off the road fast," said S. Simmons.

Once off the road, the car began to smoke more, and S. Simmons ran to a local phone to call 911, while a passer-by with a cellular phone called the Menomonie Police.

The fire department responded and was immediately on the scene.

The firefighters proceeded to hose the vehicle down to extinguish the flames.

"The fire department was here in 30 seconds, and doused my car with a hose that had so much force, the water pressure blew open my other door," said A. Simmons.

After the flames were put out, the car was left with an entirely charred front end. The hood and the contents below it were crispy and steaming.

The floor of the car was slowing draining the thoroughly saturated interior.

"We didn't really lose anything of value, except some cereal granola bars and pants," laughed A. Simmons.

The Menomonie Fire Department speculates that the fire was ignited by electrical malfunctions within the vehicle.

"I guess we will just tow it to a junk yard," said S. Simmons.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 49° Low 39° Snow Showers	High 50° Low 32° Cloudy	High 50° Low 37° Mostly Cloudy

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Candidates debate at UW-Eau Claire

Amy Koeppe
The Stoutonia

As the political campaign season draws closer to Election Day, four candidates for governor of Wisconsin participated in a Gubernatorial Debate on Wednesday, Oct. 16.

A close race between Republican Governor Scott McCallum and Attorney General Jim Doyle gave way for intense one-minute responses as candidates answered each question.

During the hour-long debate at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Zorn arena, one area discussed was the need for a clean campaign.

"Let's stop the negative ads," Doyle said. "Let's change the tone and talk about the positive things."

While McCallum agreed to accept the challenge of a clean campaign, he will continue to respond to negative ads if necessary.

"I will continue to point out the difference," McCallum said. "There's a little bit of selective memory on this. The Democratic candidates didn't run negative ads against each other, but they did run such ads against the incumbent governor."

Two other candidates, Libertarian Ed Thompson the brother of former governor, Tommmy Thompson, and Jim Young of the Green Party, were also part of the debate. Thompson repeatedly used humor in his responses, and commented that the negative ads were a help to his campaign.

"I'm personally really thankful for their negative ads," Thompson said. "They've saved me a lot of money. Keep it up guys. You're doing a great job."

Education was another issue brought up at the debate. Candidates were asked if they'd support a 10 percent cap on tuition.

"I do not believe we should raise tuition on our students," said Thompson. "And if they do get raised, it should be tied directly to inflation and financial aid."

Doyle also stressed the importance of an affordable education.

"I'm going to make sure that the university is affordable for every single student," Doyle said. "We're going to give help to students who need it. And we're going to make sure that people are here because they have earned their way, and not because of economic circumstances."

Governor McCallum discussed the relationship between jobs and education, and also pointed out what he's already done to aid college students.

"The university is going to be very much a partner as we create jobs in the state of Wisconsin," McCallum said. "There are some very specific bench marks. I did sign into law legislation this past year that does cap tuition increases in the state of Wisconsin."

Other topics discussed, such as environmental issues and budget cuts, also focused on the future. Students are encouraged to vote for the next governor of Wisconisn on Nov. 5



Jim Young



Ed Thompson



Gov. Scott McCallum



Atty. Gen. Jim Doyle

Courtesy of www.wispolitics.com

Tragedy hits home

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia

When the rumor of a horrible accident echoed around campus, students rushed on Oct. 10 to call their family and friends.

"It was a scene of carnage, and a complete blockade of the road with melted metal," said Sergent Jeff Nelson of the State Patrol.

A horrible accident happened at 7:19 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 10 in Sheboygan County on I-43, near Cedar Grove, Wis. The 38-car pile-up was the deadliest in Wisconsin history.

Ten individuals were killed and many were injured in the accident.

"My initial reaction to the accident was to call home," said Christine Carpenter, a sophomore in hotel, restaurant and tourism management . "My dad was traveling to Chicago that day and my biggest worry was he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. I finally got a hold of my mom and my dad fortunately was okay, but missed the accident by a matter of only a half an hour."

The accident occurred as cars heading south collided into one another as some vehicles slowed down in a dense fog. This lead to a chain reaction as numerous cars were unaware of the scene hidden behind a veil of fog.

"The fog was a factor in the incident, but the cause was people driving too fast for conditions," said Nelson.

A fire was fueled by a semitrailer truck that was loaded with paper products.

The highway was closed off in both directions, and authorities proceeded to clear away the wreckage. The highway was reopened northbound that evening. Southbound lanes were not opened until the following day, after the roadway was repaired.

"It was still a scary thing to have hit so close to home,"said Carpenter.

Authorities worked into the night to clear the scene. The final vehicle to be removed from the scene was a dump truck; its tires melted to the pavement. All of the bodies of the victims were removed by 7:15 p.m.

Patrick Haack from Sheboygan, Wis., a technology education junior, said, "I was startled to learn that

*please see **Accident**, page 3*

Community bands together to paint mural



by Andrea Nies, The Stoutonia

One of five panels used to create a mural for MTG.

Tina Barthold
The Stoutonia

Last weekend, community members rolled-up their sleeves and jumped into a paint-by-number extravaganza.

Participants of all ages gathered to collaborate on the massive backdrop that will be used on stage this fall at the Mabel Tainter Theater.

Sarah Tennessen, a local artist and University of Wisconsin-Stout graduate hand-drew the mural on five large panels.

This event took place behind Leevers at the Menomonie Theater Guild (MTG) shop.

"It's really amazing," said Amy Bolin, a junior from Menomonie High School, "I can't believe [Tennessen] drew all these boards and numbered everything."

The celebration mural was constructed to bring the different sects of the community together.

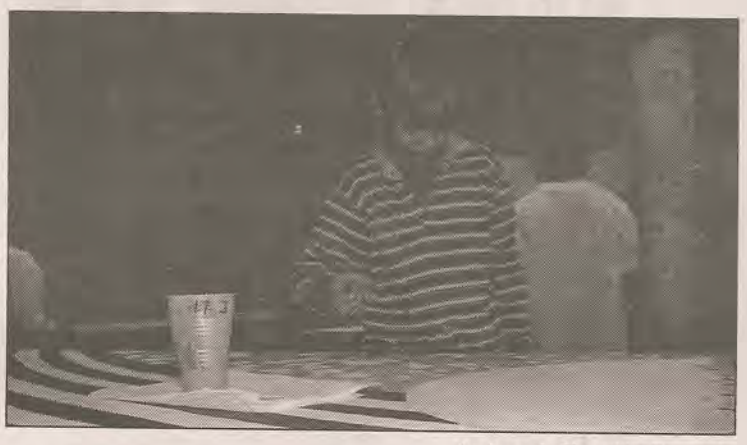
"I thought it would be neat if we could get the townspeople working side-by-side with university students, farmers, seniors, middle school children, all ages," said Tennessen.

Tennessen created the mural without religious connotations because it was a community event. She displayed it in a Victorian winter setting, the time the building was built and the season in which it will be shown.

The eagle and bands of color on the mural symbolize the community's patriotism. Other wildlife represents the natural resources present. All of the supplies were donated from local businesses.

Tennessen was inspired by the annual mural project at Concordia College. She carried the idea to Menomonie to bring people together and turn their attention to the events of the Mabel Tainter Theater.

"We loved it," said Laura Reisinger, the executive director of Mabel Tainter. "I liked the 'no-artistic-talent-required' aspect."



by Amanda Herr, The Stoutonia

Fifth-grader Keith Maki paints a section of the mural.

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Compiled by Greta Hittner and the UW-Stout Police

When hunger strikes
An unknown subject smashed in the front window of a vending machine in the General Services Building on Oct. 16. Fifteen dollars worth of products were stolen. The damage cost is estimated at $280. This includes the costs to clean the machine, replace the glass and the estimated loss in sales while the machine is out of order.

Lofty heights
A Menomonie ambulance was called to Milnes Hall on Oct. 18 for a student who had fallen out of bed. The student cut her mouth when she fell and was transported to the Menomonie hospital for observation.

Students attacked
Two students reported on Oct. 19 that they were attacked from behind by five black males. One student suffered a small cut on his forehead and the second suffered a bloody nose and lip and a small cut on the back of his head. Neither student could identify the men. The area was checked and no one fitting the description given was found.

Stolen tree stand
A student reported on Oct. 20 that someone had stolen a Grand Sam Bowhunter tree stand from his vehicle. The vehicle was parked in UW-Stout lot 4. No one had permission to take the tree stand. The value of the stand was approximately $250.

Monitor swiped
On Oct. 21, a staff member reported to police that a flat screen monitor was stolen from a 4th floor Harvey Hall classroom. The monitor was taken from the room without permission sometime during the week of Oct. 13. There are no witnesses or suspects. The value of the monitor was $500.

Abandoned tailgate party
An officer on patrol in UW-Stout lot 4 on Oct. 22 noticed that every truck in the parking lot had its tailgate opened. The officer drove up and down the lot and closed all the tailgates. It did not appear that any damage had been done to the vehicles. It is unknown if any property is missing from the vehicles.

Accident / affects many

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my parents had missed the accident by only 15-20 minutes. It was by coincidence that they had left Sheboygan early that day."

Officials may have to use DNA to identify some of the victims because bodies were burned severely in the fires and explosions. All of the victims died in their cars.

"That's something bad that hurts everyone that sees and hears about it," said Holly Decker of Sheboygan, a freshman in general business administration. "Rachel Matt was one of the many killed in the accident. One of my friends, Rachel Rothwell, was a co-worker with her."

Thirty-six individuals were injured during the large pileup; seven were in critical condition and one was in serious condition at area hospitals. Twenty-eight of those injured were treated and released. Injuries ranged from burns to broken bones.

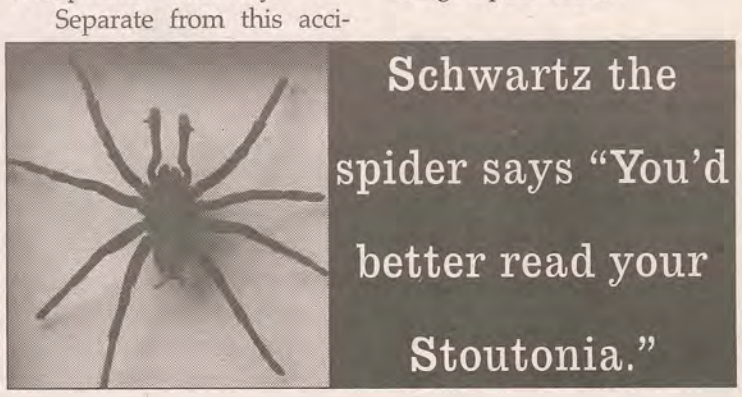
"And to imagine that someone you know and care about could have died that day, in that way, is terrifying," Haack said. "My deepest sympathy and remorse go out to the families of those who perished that day."

Separate from this accident, four other occurred nearby on the interstate, though all the individuals involved with these accidents survived. In one incident, a car rear-ended a semitrailer truck.

Two individuals killed in the incident were Dan Balint and his son Bill Balint, two members of the Missionaries to the Preborn, who had recently visited the UW-Stout campus. The group had just completed their Wisconsin Campus Tour.

"Dan had been a missionary with Missionaries to the Preborn for nearly ten years now, and Bill came to nearly all the tours over the last several years," said the group on its website, www.missionairestopreborn.com. "They were the kind of men you pray your sons will grow up to be like. They were the best of men."

"It's tragic, and I have sympathy for the families that lost loved ones," said Anthony Baker a senior in packaging. "I don't believe it matters what one's beliefs are when life is lost. They believe abortion is wrong and it's not our place to judge or wish unpleasant things upon them."





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It was a homecoming we can all agree on



Well now, wasn't that one of the better Homecomings that we have had in the past few years?

I know for some of you, it was either your first University of Wisconsin-Stout Homecoming or your second. For certain others of you it was your sixth or seventh. But that does not really matter.

I think we we can all agree that an excellent sense of school spirit gripped every one of us.

Let's list off some of the high points: there was the Soapbox derby, the great comedians and of course, a great football game.

But the best things about this Homecoming were the things that didn't happen; that would be the myriad of problems that tend to accompany an event of this size.

I think the congratulations should go to Blue Devil Productions and those in charge. For all the static that preceded the actual festivities, I think everyone had a pretty good time.

I think a nod should also be given to those who participated in the events. Not that it hasn't happened in the past, but this is one of the first years where the contestants remembered that it was all a game.

I have been going to school long enough to have witnessed a few years of less-than-civil competition. Nothing too serious, but wouldn't you all agree that everything is a lot more fun when complaining about things isn't a Homecoming event?

So, hopefully we have all learned a few good lessons about school spirit and getting along with each other. These are important lessons.

I look foreward to next year. Hopefully, we can start a trend of making each Homecoming better.

Is this a real college or just one big bar?



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

I went home for homecoming and I'm glad.

As the editor of the campus newspaper, I'm sure most people would think I would have loads of school spirit and that I would be very active in homecoming. Sadly, that was only half true this year.

I do consider myself to be a fairly dedicated and loyal University of Wisconsin-Stout student and rally around this school as much as I can without having an actual mascot to cheer for. I own my token UW-Stout sweatshirt and I even bought one of those little clingy things to put in the back window of my car.

In the past couple years, I have done my best to be a part of homecoming. Whether it was at my first university (University of Wisconsin-W-Platteville) or here at UW-Stout, I have made an effort to take some pride in the school I go to.

That is until this year. This year I finally got fed up with something that has been bothering me for a long time. Let me explain it through a conversation I recently heard on campus. I think the words of the students around me can describe it better than anything I can say.

"I went out last night and just got totally lit," said student number one. "You know, people at this school just drink too much. I was talking to my roommate and he said he was going out again tonight and I just don't think I can do it."

"Yeah, I know," said student number two. "It's a lot worse than most other places."

"Yeah," said student number one. A long pause. "So, guess I'll see you at the bars tonight then?"

"Sure!" said student number two.

I just stood there in astonishment after the exchange was complete. Did I really just hear that much redundancy and contradiction in one conversation?

After I shook this off, it started my mind to actually consider something that is normally just considered common knowledge.

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Now for the Second Amendment and that can of worms



TESTPATTERN
Matt Tracy, Esq.

In light of the recent rash of shootings in the Washington D.C. area, I have once again decided to talk about a specific amendment to the United States Constitution. Obviously the amendment in question is the Second Amendment.

Now, before you judge me as either a liberal ban-everything-with-gunpowder hippie or a you-can-have-my-gun-over-your-dead-body gun nut, let it be known that I will try to take an independant stance here.

First, you should know that my personal beliefs conflict severely on this issue. While I am generally a Libertarian and believe that no one should tell you how to live, I am oppossed to most forms of guns. I think many of the guns that are in question were designed for nothing more than the killing of a human being.

However I also think that people like The National Rifle Association (NRA) makes some good points. The abridgement of one heretofore right or priviledge could lead to more revocation of rights. Some call this arguement the slippery slope, and say that once we start down a certain path, we won't be able to stop.

What has been seriously

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Letters to the Editor

Sports Page Criticism

Dear Editor,

I am a local business person who tries to stay in touch with current events at the University. Therefore, I very much enjoy reading The Stoutonia front page to back. I know it is a ton of work to put out a newspaper, and I think your staff does a great job.

I do write to offer this opinion. It seems to me that far too often the sports section is filled with columns on professional sports instead of maintaining focus on Blue Devil athletics, and the various club sports and lifestyle articles that could easily fill the sports pages everytime. The articles about professional teams are usually outdated by the time The Stoutonia is printed, and obviously these professional teams are covered completely by TV, all sports radio, commercial newspapers and magazines.

It would seem to me that your readership would be best served and have more interest in better coverage of the 16 varsity teams at UW-Stout, and less coverage of the professional sports teams that is readily available to all of us all the time.

Sincerely,

Bob Michels
Owner
Bob & Steve's BP Amoco Shops

Dear Mr. Michels,

Your thoughts are my thoughts exactly. We do need to cover our student athletes and show how hard they work to balance school and a sport.

However, being a student and a writer can also be a major commitment. My Sports writers and myself have been trying our best to give readers the best coverage possible. Sometimes this will include an article on professional sports.

Our focus in the Sports section will always be on campus sports before anything else. Hopefully our future issues will reflect this.

Curt Trnka
Sports Editor

Drinking / Why is so much the norm?

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Homecoming has been hopelessly tied to excessive drinking for years, probably decades, and this simple connection has been reaffirmed by columns in the Stoutonia, students and even professors in classes. The question is, why?

It's a known fact, as sad as it is, that binge drinking and serving to minors is treated much like jay walking at this university. It's one of those things that it seems that everyone does, yet thinks little of it and then is appalled when they are reprimanded for it or even worse, actually ticketed for it.

This is most obviously seen in a few recent letters to the Stoutonia. Students have actually been writing in complaining that police are busting too many parties. They say that the police don't "let us have any fun."

As ridiculous as this argument seems to me, many students think it is totally legitimate. Since when is breaking the law okay? Granted, many people break the law on a daily basis, but they know and accept the fact that they can get called on it at any time. I'm just glad that the police have stepped it up for no apparent reason. No extra funding, no diabolical plan, just a better, stronger focus.

Just out of curiosity, I was wondering if the concept of "sometimes it's okay to break the law" applies to any other situations.

For example, couldn't we say that last year's UW-Stout celebrity, Luke Helder, the infamous smiley face pipe bomber, was just having fun when he tried to play connect the dots with homemade explosives. Sure, what he was doing was wrong, but it was fun for him, so why bust his chops about it, right?

Then there are those who think that what they are doing is their business as long as they aren't hurting anyone else. I hate to break it to you, but that thinking just doesn't make sense. Just because you can juggle a chainsaw in a crowd doesn't mean you should. Losing control or helping others to lose control, thus raising the risk of endangering others, can't really be justified in my mind, no matter how much fun it may be.

Many will probably wonder why this is such a big deal to me. To be honest, it's because alcohol indirectly screwed up a large portion of my life. I am more than happy to share that story if anyone is interested, but this column isn't just about me, it's about the entire campus.

So do I think there should be prohibition on this campus? Well, no. History proves that complete restriction of anything doesn't work. I just wish that within the guidelines of the law, people would either respect the law or own up to their actions. If you want to drink with the grown-ups, you might have to act like one every once in a while.

Maybe someday homecoming will be about the alumni coming back to the university they once were such a strong part of. Until that day though, we should at least acknowledge that there is a lot of drinking going on. And remember, sometimes you have to pay for the decisions you make.

Correction

The following is a report of an error that was brought to *The Stoutonia's* attention.

Correction: In the October 10, 2002 story "Campus identification cards to get makeover" it was reported that in the spring of 2003 the debit, baseline plus and flexline accounts would be combined into a single OneAccount. This combining of accounts will not occur for some time.

Thanks
Dennis Shaw

Second Amendment / The debate

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missing from all of these disscusions is a middle ground and calmer heads.

Most Second Amendment advocates think that the other side is out to take every gun in the country and throw them in the ocean.

Most anti-gun advocates think NRA members are sitting in thier house surrounded by machine guns waiting for any excuse to blow someone's head off.

It is no wonder no one has come up with a sensible means of controlling the gun-violence that plauges this country. We are all so busy focusing on how the opposition is wrong, no one is thinking about what is right.

Now, here's the Liberal in me: why can't we have some sort of gun registration in this country?

Many gun enthusiasts argue that it is simply a law applicable to law abiding citizens only. The theory is that if guns were registered, and since felons are not allowed to have guns, only law-abiding citizens are effected.

But I ask you this: does that arguement even really apply when we are talking about something that can be used to take another life? Just imagine how much further ahead we might be had the D.C. sniper's rifle been registered.

If that logic won't work, let me ask you this: aren't we requireed to register our vehicles? I know it is a cheap shot, but how many cases of murder, regardless of the cause of death, have been solved by leads attained through car registration?

To be objective again for a minute, we must also ask if it is fair to change a bedrock principle of the U.S. Constitution? It has only been done once before, Prohibition, and has never been queried since.

The general point that I am trying to make is that a gun registration would be closer to a middle ground than anything else that has been suggested.

However, since people like the NRA think that people who have nothing to hide from are somehow being persecuted, and anti-gun lobbyists don't think the measure is strong enough, we will never see it happen.

Meanwhile, thousands of Americans are dying because we, as a country, cannot agree. It seems pretty selfish to me.

We seem to be putting our petty squabbleing ahead of the real issue. But I guess that is the American way. Why solve a problem when we can just bicker the extremes and never actually solve anything.

I guess I just have to go back to what has become my column mantra: we need to step back and look at what is really going on.

The Stoutonia's Costume Contest

(Sort of)

What we're asking you to do is vote on whose face you want to wear on halloween. What? Well, *The Stoutonia* will be publishing life-size cut-outs of campus "personalities," if you will. We need you, the students, to vote on who you want. Choose from the following:

- Chancellor Sorenson
- Tony Schlemm, (He changes your classes)
- Mary McManus
- Coach Ed Meierkort
- Nick Coenen (Stoutonia Editor-in-Chief)
- Matt Tracy (Stoutonia Opinions Editor)
  (don't vote for me)
- You pick:_____

Drop off these ballots at *The Stoutonia* or send us an e-mail vote at *stoutoina@uwstout.edu*

Check next week for the head. Spooky no?

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House hunters out for blood

The search for houses can be competitive, so students should be prepared

Tiffany Laschinger
The Stoutonia



Illustration by Russ Bowers, ,The Stoutonia

Many properties are being shown to students who are in search for houses for next year. This property and many more can be viewed on the American Edge website.

There is a competition fiercer than any sport that the University of Wisconsin-Stout has to offer. Students have been known to lie, cheat and steal just to end up with the best. Deals are made and alliances are broken all at the drop of a dollar. To seal the deal, signatures are written in blood on a nearly unbreakable contact.

This isn't a bad rendition of "Survivor," but it is found in the competition for student housing. On Nov. 1, most landlords and realtors will begin showing their properties to students, but many have already begun to give tours and collect money for leases signed.

"I try to have my houses rented out by Christmas break," said Glenn Knutson, a landlord that rents out 12 houses. "Every year it gets earlier and earlier."

The pressure of finding a good house is already being felt by many students even though leases will not begin until June of next year.

"We've been looking for houses for about a month now," said Neil Swetz, a sophomore in hospitality and tourism management. "There doesn't seem to be many houses, and even fewer with reasonable prices."

Monthly rent can range anywhere from $190 to $270, and may not include extra utilities. Utilities may include any of the following: water, gas/electric heat, phone, cable and garbage.

"Some of the prices are far-fetched," said Kristian Erickson, a junior in technical communications. "[Some] bedrooms are barely large enough to fit a double sized bed."

Rent prices can depend on how long ago the house was remodeled/built and the size and number of rooms, but ultimately, it is the preference of the renter.

Some houses have been remodeled in the past years, but there still are houses that remain far under code. At some residencies paint chips off the outside of the house, and the front steps crumble under the feet of anyone who enters. Air conditioning is foreign in many Menomonie houses, and thermostats are outdated.

"[For] the quality of houses [in Menomonie], the appliances, flooring and ceilings are insufficient," said Erickson. "We have to live with what [landlords] provide."

All roommates should be present when looking at a house, and all should be ready to sign in order to have the best chance at getting a house. Knutson encourages students to ask questions over the phone to make sure the house meets their needs.

Students should know where the houses are that the renter has available before setting up a time to tour.

"We ask that [students] get our list and drive by and see what they like before making appointments," said Phyllis Parish, a leasing agent from American Edge.

Students can find housing lists online at the UW-Stout homepage under current students, or ads in the paper or posted around campus. Students should also check the bulletin boards for house listings or create a network of connections by asking older friends and classmates that already live in a house off campus for the name their renter.

Parish says, "Be prepared to pay the security deposit if you want to sign."

Paranormal Phenomena in Tainter?

Students question whether a poltergeist haunts Tainter or if it is just a prank

Missy Powell
The Stoutonia

For years, many on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus have heard of the stories pertaining to the Jeter-Tainter-Calahan (JTC) dorms. Although many of these stories or myths have never been proven, there are some that are known as fact.

In 1994, a student on 3rd floor Callahan committed suicide, and in 1998, a sophomore at UW-Stout was hit by lightening and killed.

Although never proven, there are those on the campus who believe that the JTC dorms are haunted by the ghosts of these past students and possibly others. Although some students and RAs who live in the JTC halls try to convince themselves that these stories are all myth, there are others who try to provoke the unknown.

Junior Lindsay Schade, a hospitality and tourism major, got together with eight other girls in the basement of Callahan to try to conjure up some spirits with a Ouija board. Schade believes that she and the others communicated with some of the ghosts.

"There is probably some truth in the haunting tales of JTC, but I never thought I'd get to talk to them!" she said.

Schade noted that some of the things that the Ouija reflected were true, while some of the names didn't match up. Either way, Shade believes that the encounter, although somewhat erie, wasn't too frightening.

"I wasn't scared because it didn't seem like it was a bad presence," she noted.

Schade already believed in the supernatural, so the experience came as no surprise to her.

"Whether you believe in that stuff or not depends on how far you want to take it," Schade said.

Those who work in the Tainter kitchen attribute the other unexplainable phenomena that occurs to what they call the kitchen ghost.

Senior Jon Market, a telecommunications major, had one way to describe the situations expirienced by those who work there.

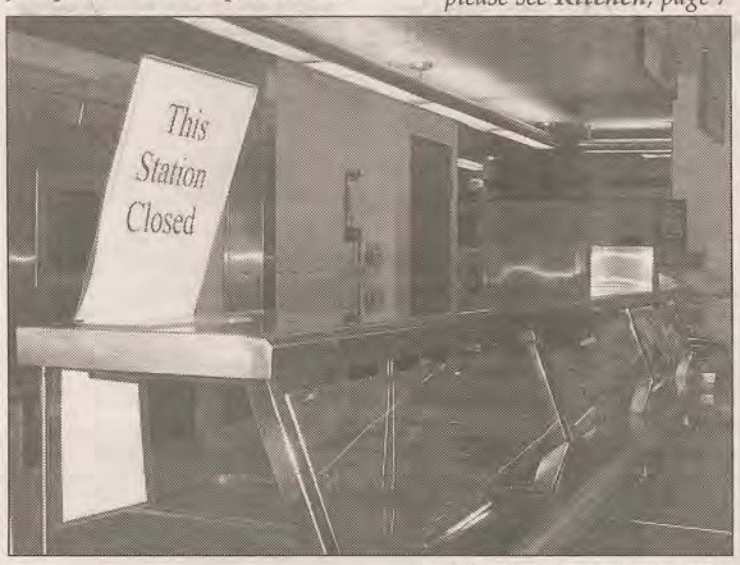
"[It's] that hair-standing-on-the-back-of-your-neck feeling," he said.

Market, a student manager, had worked at Tainter dinning hall for about a year and never thought of the possibility of a haunting. Market often thought the phenomena was some of his crew just playing pranks on him, until one night.

The radio in the dish room was on when it suddenly went to static. Market retuned the station and went back to work, but the station regressed to static. Market once again went to check the radio and noticed that the manual radio dial had jumped about 10 points. He fixed it, and once again the dial jumped, but this time Market was 20 feet away. Although Market searched, he couldn't find anyone in the area.

Senior Jon Nelson, a general business administration major, also had problems with the kitchen ghost. The

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by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

Some Tainter dining staff wonder if they are the only people that are behind the counter at night.

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Campus Slant



"A cherry bomb wrapped as an Atomic Fireball."
~Jason Boon
Sr., industrial design



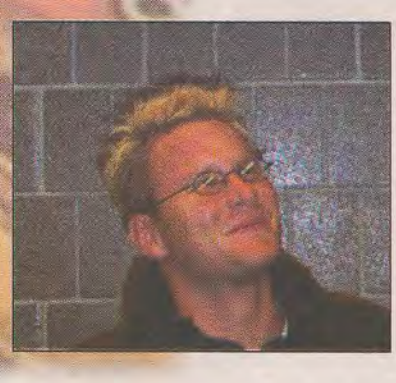
"A she-him!"
~Arnold Metze
Sr., hospitality restaurant and tourism management

"What was the weirdest thing you received while trick-or-treating?



"A marmot."
~Collette Pilon
Jr., psychology

"Some stuff in an old lunch bag...oh, and head."
~Blair Sievert
Sr., business



Next Week:

"What would you do with ten pounds of powdered cheese?

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Kitchen/ghost haunts Tainter dining staff

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crew was beginning to considering the ghost to be a practical joker.

On several occasions, Nelson, then a manager at Tainter, would be closing and he and his crew would double check, sometimes triple check things to make sure they were off or shut. However, come the next morning, Nelson would hear that things were left on or open from the night before.

"The other stuff [the cold] I played off as drafts," Nelson said.

While other crew members learned to say goodnight to the ghost, Nelson became increasingly annoyed with it.

"I cussed [it] out a lot," Nelson laughed.

Nelson never saw anything unusual, but had many experiences with this unexplained presence.

"I'd be sitting in the office and feel like someone was walking around the corner and would look but no one was there," he said.

Although Nelson wasn't the only manager at Tainter having such experiences, no one seemed to believe him in the beginning.

Bobbette Tunnyhill, food service manager at Tainter, always had to point out to Nelson and Market that the lights were left on or the doors and windows were found open when the kitchen opened in the morning. She didn't believe that Tainter was being broken into.

"Weird things would happen, but nothing would ever be missing," Tunnyhill said.

Market, Nelson and Schade all agree that the ghost of JTC seems friendly, and although it has a fetish with turning things on and off it is harmless. According to Market, when he started to talk to the ghost and ask it to stop, it would.

The beliefs of these three reflect that there is something in the JTC dorms.

"Every now and again things happen that you just can't explain," Market said.





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"Give the drunks a taxi!"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

On a campus as small as the University of Wisconsin-Stout, people get pretty accustomed to walking. If you have the luxury of a car, it can be more of a hassle to spend the time to go get it and to waste more time trying to find a parking spot than to actually walk to your destination.

The cold weather inevitably rolls in, making any destination by foot a burden. When alcohol is involved, students suck it up for the sake of the drink, and bear the elements. Some may choose to drive to the place where they will drink, and leave their car until the next morning.

Students that go to the bars don't have many parking options. Many lots will ticket any cars left after 2 a.m.; this leaves students with a dilemma. They can either drive intoxicated at risk of a D.U.I. or an accident, or they can leave their car in the lot and receive a $25 parking citation. If they do choose to walk home, they run another risk of assault. Walking drunk on unlit streets is dangerous, even in a small town.

Menomonie doesn't have a taxi service and there is no campus escort service for students to call when they are too drunk to make it home or are alone.

Most other campuses have some sort of sober-cab service, whether it be city-run, campus-supported, or student-initiated.

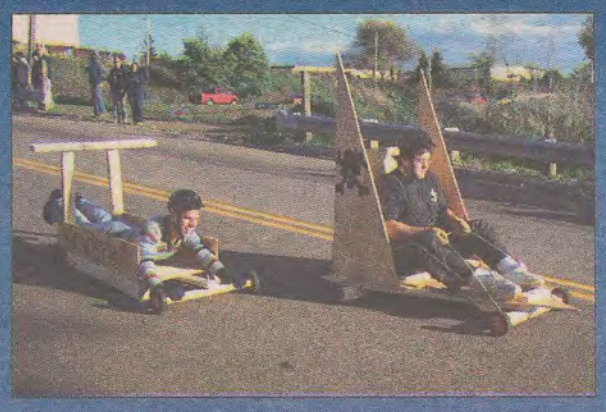
It seems that this city is promoting drunk driving, and doesn't care about drunks wandering the streets at night.

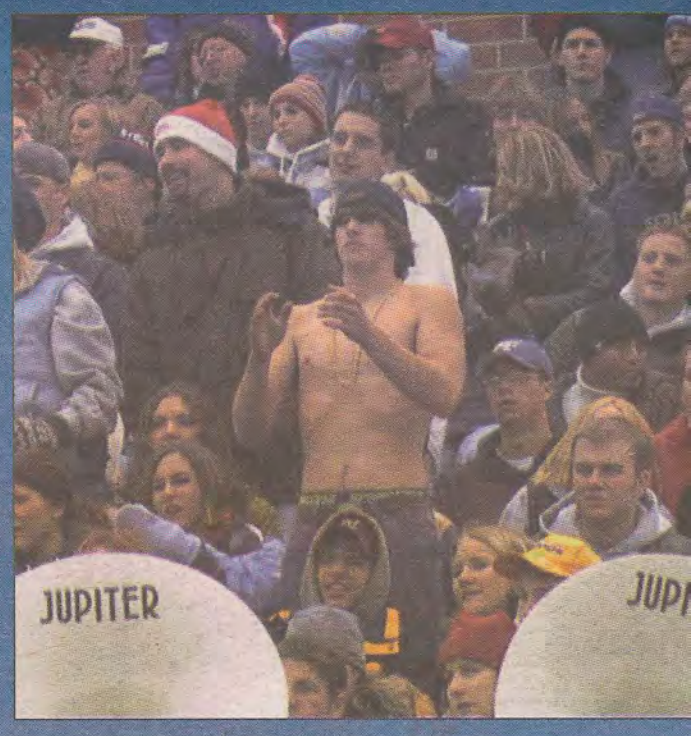
Is City Hall to blame for not providing a taxi service, or is the university to blame for not providing proper escorts? Are the students to blame for not sacrificing a night to be a sober-cab or are the people who drink to blame for driving drunk?

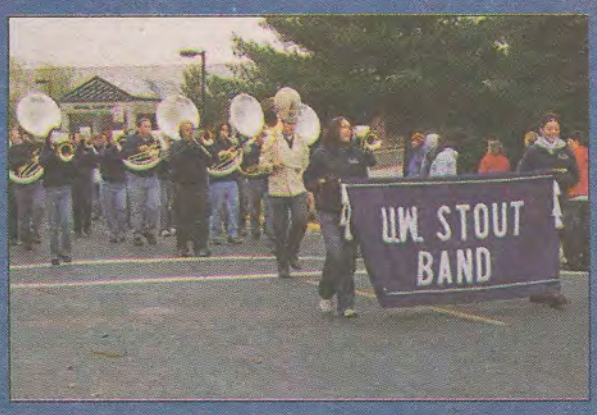
This is not an issue that has suddenly been discovered, but has been a topic that has been brought to my attention many times.This is an issue that the university and all students should be concerned about.

If this issue concerns you, write to me at laschingert@uwstout.edu, I plan to look into this further in the next few weeks.

















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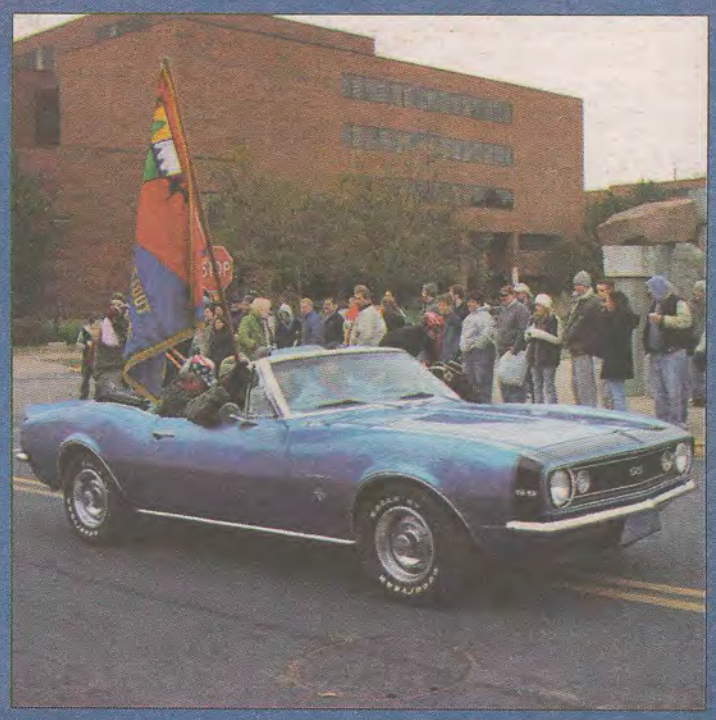


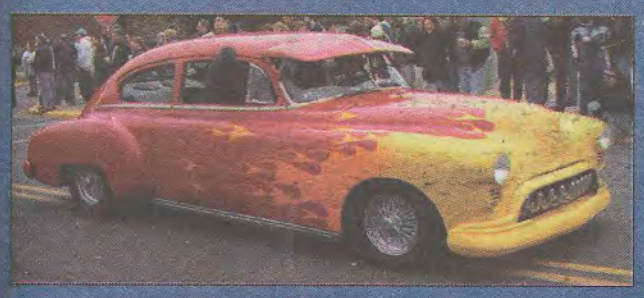
















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Dave Attell, you are my hero

Erin Hogan-Braker
The Stoutonia

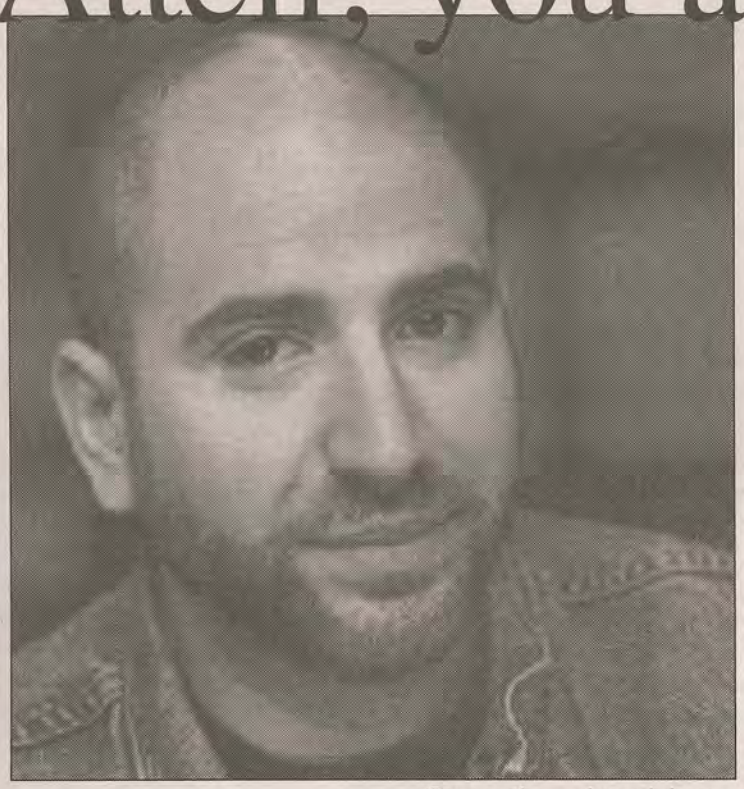
Like many other University of Wisconsin-Stout students, junior Sarah Dosdall, a telecommunications major, has a goal for the fall 2002 semester.

"I am trying to emulate Dave Attell, but I just don't think I have the physical capacity for alcoholism that he has," she said.

Attell, a popular comedian best known from his late night show, "Insomniac," on Comedy Central, has every student's dream job: binge drinking on camera.

For Dosdall, keeping up with her hero requires many all-nighters of whiskey and a strong sense of dedication to the barstool. These are activities most UW-Stout students can relate to.

"His comedy is funny because he gets wasted all the time," said Kyle Gilbertson, a senior business major. "That is what makes his comedic performance so popular among the college crowd."



Courtesy of: www.bass-schuler.com

Widely-known among college students, comedian Dave Attell will be appearing closer to home on Nov. 3.

Fortunately for Dosdall, Attell will be bringing his slightly intoxicated stand-up routine to Minneapolis, Minn. on Sunday, Nov. 3. Attell is scheduled to headline at the Acme Comedy Co.'s 11 year anniversary performance.

In addition to the success of "Insomnia," Attell's stand-up act has been hailed as one of the premier comedy acts touring today.

"If you haven't seen Dave live yet, you're missing out on a truly full-tilt, pants-crapping comedy experience, with an atmosphere unlike anything else in the industry," said Comedy Central.

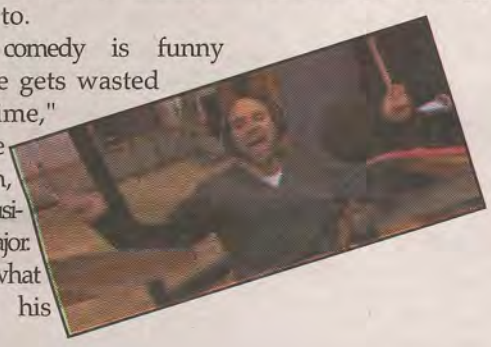
In a recent interview with Modern Drunkard Magazine, Attell stated, "Like I say in my act, nothing ruins the day-after like a dead hooker. You got lawyers to call, carpets to clean."

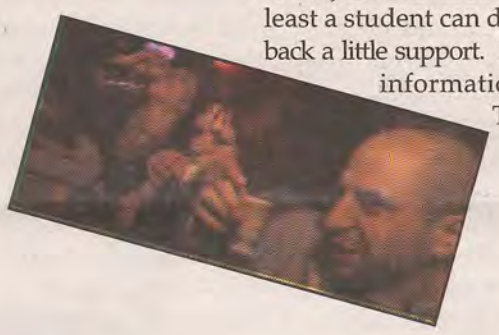
Dosdall said,"He's so vulgar; I love it."

The hardworking junior is surprisingly awake in the a.m. hours after a long night of Insomniac impersonating at The Market in Menomonie.

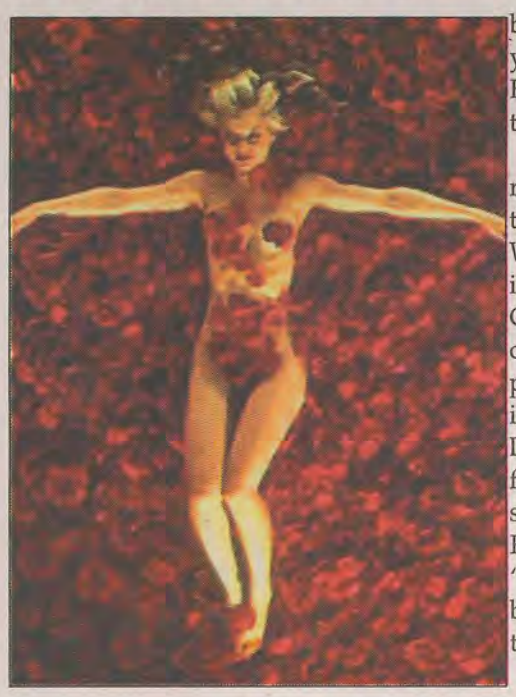
"Yeah," Attell states in one routine, "I know some people are against drunk driving, and I call those people 'the cops.' But you know, sometimes, you've just got no choice; those kids gotta get to school!"

Attell's brand of humor is in support of everyday college kids, just like Dosdall. The least a student can do is give-back a little support. For ticket information call Ticketmaster.





Literature courses offered for film fans



Courtesy of: www.aboutfilm.com

Five Academy Award-winning,"American Beauty," was one of the best films of 1999.

Kim Hauschildt
The Stoutonia

Sometimes people might find themselves wanting to search deeper into the world of film. When thrashing through the thicket of classes to register for this spring, consider a class that will not only satisfy your film pallet, but also one of your English/humanities requirements.

The class in reference, new to the University of Wisconsin-Stout, is fiction into film. Curriculum for the course covers how printed literature is turned into film. Did you realize famous films such as "Citizen Kane" and Disney's "Mulan" were once books of literature?

"We sat and discussed for many hours what would be acceptable to teach and what was too broad to cover or too minimal," said Susan Thurin, English department chair. "We needed to figure out what were the most important aspects and would be most valuable to the student."

Over five years of planning went into creating the class. The first section was finally offered last spring.

Originally, the class was going to focus on global films, but the department felt this perspective was too broad. Instead, the concentration was switched to American films. Looking around the office of Sue Beckham, one can find a variety of films ranging from "Clueless" to "Schindler's List."

"We as a society today are strongly influenced by movies more than we want to admit," said Beckham. "My favorites are great, but a few are "American Beauty" and "Casablanca." These were done very well and are some of our greatest films."

This class is offered both semesters, but is only instructed by Beckham in the spring. Only one section is being offered, so you might have to get your foot in the door early if you really want to take this class. Second semester freshmen through senior students are eligible to take the course.

Also, you might want to look into a similar class, which also covers film history in the American cinema. This class is appropriately titled American cinema, and it covers the beginnings of silent films all the way to action films. It also focuses on the technological advances allowing film to

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Courtesy of: www.casalinx.com

The classic,"Casablanca," is one of many films studied in the cinema courses offered at UW-Stout.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Opus
instrumentalists
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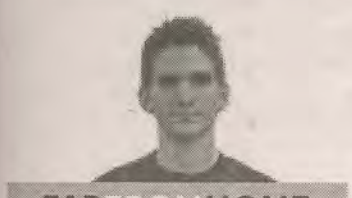
Dave Russo
comedian
Nov. 13 @ 8 p.m.
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Fine Arts & Crafts Faire
Nov. 15 & 16
Mabel Tainter

Atmosphere
musicians
Nov. 16 @ 8 p.m.
Great Hall

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Law breaking from my couch



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

Every great action movie has three things: a lengthy shootout with machine guns, a cheesy love interest and most importantly, an intense car chase. Any real fan of action has had the urge to reenact the intensity of weaving in and out of oncoming traffic as the police give a relentless chase.

Tempting as it may be to take this chance at flying down the state's highways, there is now a much safer way. With the release of Need for Speed: Hot Pursuit 2 for the Playstation 2, it is finally okay to break the law.

The commercials for this latest installment in the Need for Speed series feature a yellow exotic car and blatantly irresponsible drivers challenging police. That pretty well sums up this game.

As the driver of up to 49 different cars that each cost far more than the average college student is willing to spend on a mode of transportation, a certain feeling of uneasiness accompanies your first game. That is, until you take a Ferrari F-50 into a wall going 150 mph.

At that moment, I also realized one of the major flaws of this otherwise great game. No matter how hard you slam your car into the walls, pillars of rocks, trees or other cars, you can always keep going. Despite the slight changes in the appreance of the cars from damage and a very minimal downgrade in the performance of the vehicles, you can never really wreck your car.

This is probably a good thing though. As you progress through the races, the intensity of the police also increase and they soon start pulling out all the stops. Radio chatter warns you of upcoming police activity that ranges from an additional pursuit car and spike strips that will shred your tires, to the ever annoying helicopter of death. I don't know what police precinct this is supposed to be, but a helicopter dropping exploding barrels and fire missiles at offenders sounds a bit like cruel and unusual punishment to me.

The graphics and sound in the game are outstanding, with different sounds for the varying vehicles and the occasional Matrix camera angle--you know, the freeze frame and spin camera shot. The addition of dust and leaves flying up behind the cars is great and gives a huge advantage to the lead car.



Photo Ilustration by: Steve Poole

Need For Speed 2 has an array of cool cars and outstanding graphics for the adrenaline junkies.

The only downfall in the graphic area is the lack of varying weather conditions. At $50 a pop for a videogame, the least they could do is drop some rain and snow into the game. Is that too much to ask?

All in all though, this game is a keeper. I know many are saving their money for Grand Theft Auto Vice City, myself included, this game is about as good as they get for flat out adrenaline. The two-player mode is always a riot, and the two career ladders have kept me busy for over a week now. If you like the rush of speed and have the cash, I definitely recommend picking up this racer.



NEED FOR SPEED
Hot Pursuit 2
Nick says: *"It is finally okay to break the law."*
How it rates:
★★★★☆

Film/ courses available each semester

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move from black and white to technicolor. Famous directors and the storytelling themes are covered as well.

The American cinema class is offered during the spring and fall semesters, but again, there is only one section each semester and it has 35 spots for students. If you can't get in these sections, fiction into film is offered this Winterm and will feature a Star Wars theme. The American cinema class will be offered during the summer; it will be covering works by Director Lasse Hallstrom, including "Life as a Dog" and "What's Eating Gilbert Grape."



Courtesy of: uig.thenational.net

Long-time sci-fi favorite, "Star Wars," will be the focus of the Winterm section of fiction into film.

FILM CLASS REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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Signs	6:45	9:00	(1:00)

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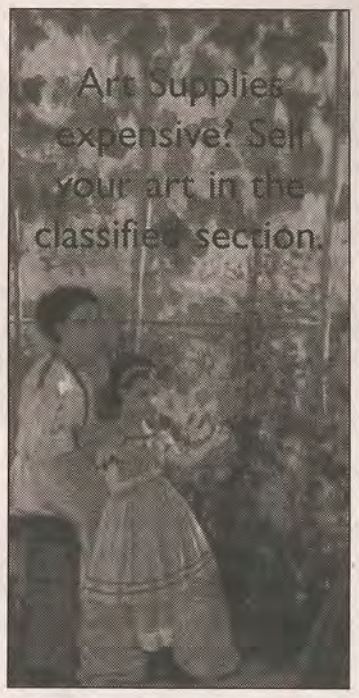
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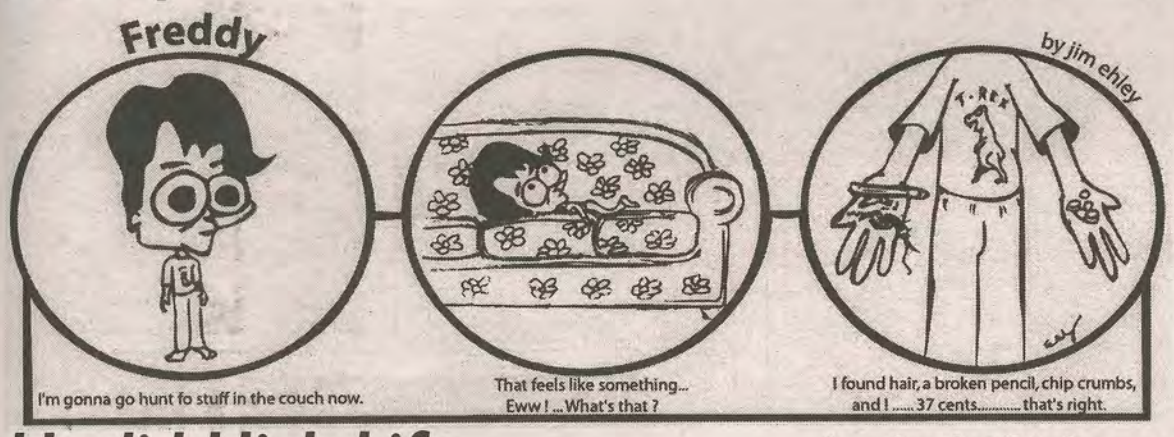
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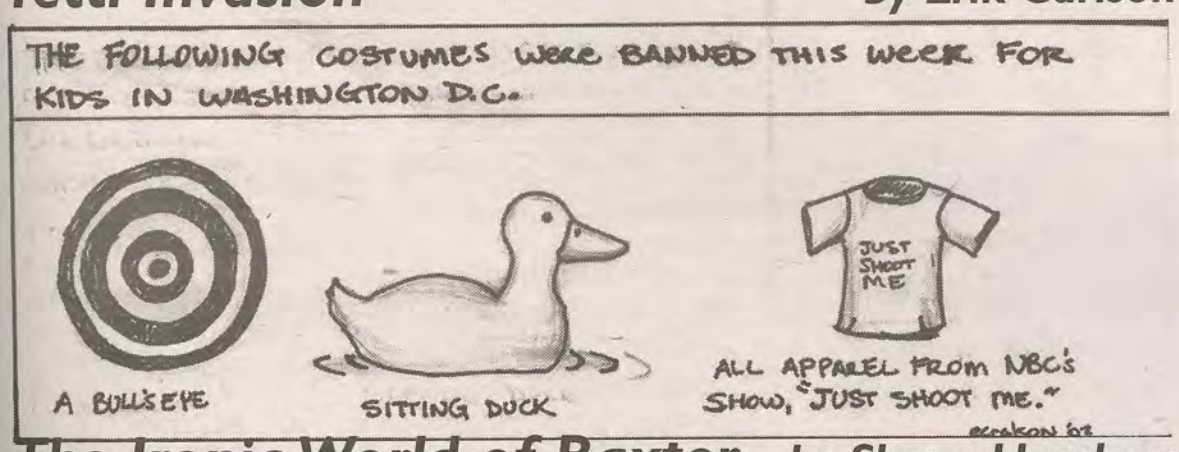
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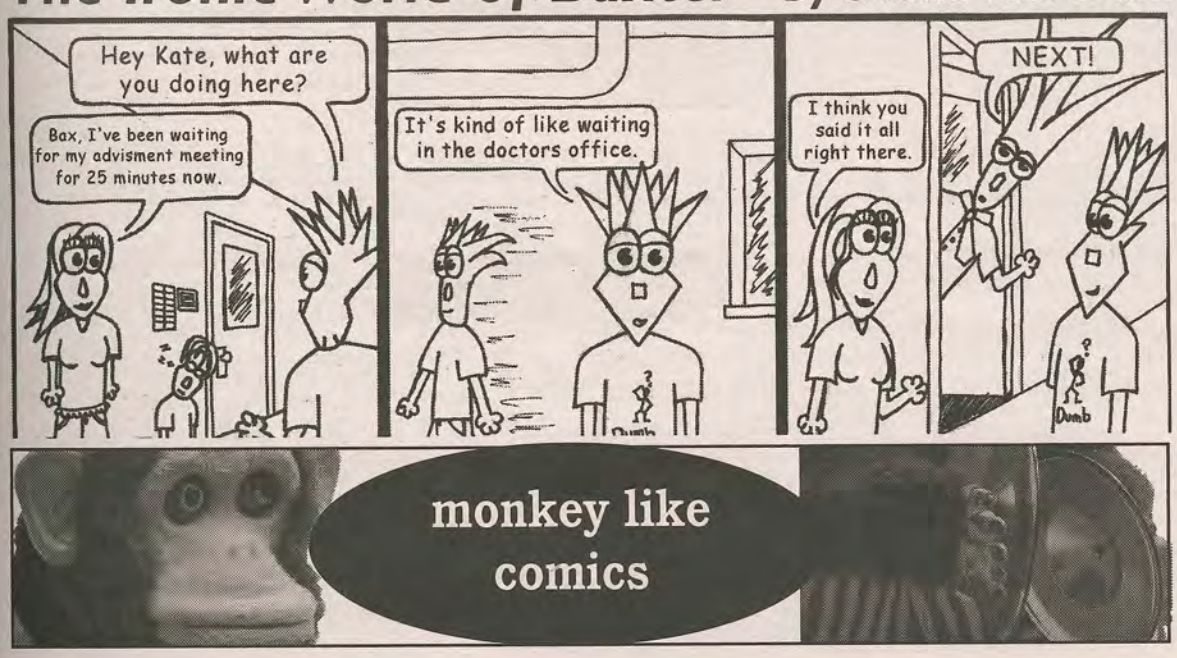
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Look for a new Halloween costume in the next issue...you won't be dissapointed.



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Homecoming provides win

Rebecca Werner
The Stoutonia

It's nice to win, but there is no contest if you're rolling over an underdog.

Many feel that this year, the theory of homecoming was discarded because the University of Wisconsin-Stout played a team from outside of the conference for the Homecoming match-up.

They felt that homecoming is a time for schools to show the alumni that they are still carrying on their tradition of high standards and excellence. Last Saturday, many people believed that this mentality was challenged when UW-Stout's selection of a team outside of the conference to play for the homecoming match. This decision confused many people.

"When I first found out that we were playing this team I was kind of upset," freshman Andy Burgraff said. "The point of homecoming is to utilize a challenge. When they gabbed a team from a different conference I thought; what are we doing?"

Rising from the shock were rumors that this opponent was chosen because their conference is not as challenging and it would be an easy win for us. However, Head Coach Ed Meierkort reason's differed.

He commented that initially we were scheduled to play the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire for homecoming, but then they requested to re-schedule the date of the game. UW-Stout's acceptance of this proposal was for one main reason, crowd support.

The largest crowds gather for tough competition and homecoming. With UW-Eau Claire and homecoming on different days, the team was promised at least two games of spectator support. And rightly so, our win over the Blue Golds was witnessed by over 6,200 people, definitely the largest turnout yet.

Yet, the question still remains as to why we did not select a different team from our conference to compete against for homecoming?

"It's very hard for our league to find games. People don't want to play our league because we are so strong," Meierkort said.

As flattering as that sounds there are still some who were gravely disappointed. "I think we should play with the conference for homecoming," Roman Gills, a1961 UW-Stout graduate said. "We are more familiar with the opponent."

For the past forty-two years Gills has tried to make the long drive from Michigan to come back for UW-Stout's homecoming football games.

None the less, the football game proved to be quite entertaining. At first, the game seemed to be uneventful, but Concordia-Moorhead University put up a good fight

In the end, UW-Stout defeated Concordia with a final score of 27-21. Also, junior Luke Bundgaard broke the school's long standing career. rushing record with 119 yards on the day. That, along with other spectacular performances, like Tyrone Rhone's, provided quite a show for fans from both schools.

Homecoming this year did bring non-traditional surprises, but the Football team stayed strong and proved to everyone that even throughout the years, we are still carrying on our tradition of high standards and excellence. The disapproval over the selection of the opponent can now subside.

Meierkort said, "It probably won't happen again."







all photos by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Top: Luke Bungaard and Bob Johnson are UW-Stout's top two all-time rushers.

Left: Evan Larsen plants to try a field goal for the Blue Devils.

Middle: Blue Devil Quarterback Adam Moiles runs one.

Skateboarding a problem on campus?

Shane Horchem
The Stoutonia

Skateboarders are bad!

This stereotype could be heard from the mouth of a person who has never known a skateboarder. Before uttering such judgemental phrases, consider the history of and tallent of this diverse skill. But are they really?

People who skate are really just like athletes such as football or soccer players. Skateboarders have to train to become better. They research for tips and tricks, and dedicate themselves to practice. Like anyother athele, skateboarders have a high risk in injuries.

The difference between a traditional athletes and skaters is where they perform. Instead of playing on a field with a ball you throw or kick, a skateboarder's playground is the street.

Skateboarding has come a long way from what it used to be. In the thirties, forties and fifties, a skateboard was nothing more than a two-by-four on roller-skate wheels.

According to Thrasher Magazine, a skaters mission was to start at the top of a hill and ride down. Then in the late seventies, Thrasher writes that one Alan "Ollie" Gelfand came along and invented, you guessed it, the Ollie. This trick enabling skaters to jump, leap and skid over and onto obstacles, executing flips and turns of ever-increasing complexity. Onlookers are left in awe as they watch.

Most people know by now that skating around downtown and on campus is illegal. The Menomonie Police Department website states that Menomonie has redesigned the sidewalk to

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Don't lose sleep over this



FITLIVING

Ann Syrstad

If you can't get your mind to settle down at night, you are not alone.

According to the National Sleep Foundation (NSF), more than half of the country's young adults report "waking up feeling unrefreshed."

Rachael Weber, a junior business administration major says, "There are plenty of college kids not getting enough sleep; we are just too busy."

With everything that is going on in college students' minds, it is a wonder they even make it to class as often as they do. With large credit loads, campus involvement, sports and social lives, they are busy people!

In an April poll also taken by the NSF, one in two people ages 18-29 stated that they would sleep less in order to get more done.

Even everyday concerns such as an upcoming exam, relationship problems, or job stress- can keep you awake as much as large-scale troubles.

"Thoughts seem much more dramatic at night because we don't have any distraction," says Amber Birner, a junior majoring in marketing education.

There are ways to get rid of these worries. Avoid exercise, caffeine, and alcohol close to bedtime. Keep consistent wake times, make your bedroom dark and quiet and try relaxing rituals such as reading a good book -one that is not too gory-or listening to soothing music.

"I try not to do anything too mind-altering late at night," states Michelle Woestman, a senior majoring in business administration. "I stay away from solving my biggest problems so I can get a decent amount of sleep."

But what about nights when your thoughts keep whirling? You may need specific techniques for helping you to doze off. These seven simple steps may help put your thoughts to rest and let you get your beauty sleep:

1. Distract your mind: count backwards, say the alphabet or replay the words to your favorite song in your head.

2. Start a worry book: Write down what you worry about, then think of solutions for these problems.

3. Take a deep breath: Count these breaths until you lose count. The next thing you know, you will be sound asleep.

4. Challenge thoughts that keep you up: If a distracting thought keeps circling you: "I am going to fail my accounting exam," ask yourself if it is really true. Are you really going to fail your exam? Then replace the negative though with a positive one for example: "I studied hard and there is no reason I should not do well."

5. Get up after twenty minutes or so: Maybe your problem is the idea of not falling asleep. It is easy to get caught up on the idea of not sleeping, which makes your problem that much harder to cope with.

"I watch television or talk to my roommate," says Emily Walley, a sophomore studio art major, "It keeps my attention and helps me fall asleep."

6. Avoid working night hours: If at all possible, try and be done with work shifts at 10 p.m. so that you have the time to unwind after a hard days' work.

7. Turn the clock away from your bed: This way you will not catch yourself checking how long you have NOT been sleeping. Waking up every so often is a natural part of the sleep cycle, so go with it.

Every person's sleep cycle is somewhat different, but it is important to remember that there are ways to wake up feeling refreshed, energized, and prepared for a busy day of college life!

Skateboarding / Problem or not?

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ensure the safety of pedestrians and motorists in the downtown area.

"It's ironic that you can ride a bike or rollerblade on campus, but if you have a skateboard, the police will stop you to tell you how much the fine is," said Aaron Krueger, a junior in graphic design from Marsfield, Wis.

In Menomonie if you are cited for the use of in-line skates, bicycles and play vehicles the fines range from $125.80 to $163.00.

Speaking with many people around campus about not being able to ride, they all generally say the same thing: 'If the police can't provide a place to ride then I'll just continue to ride wherever.'

There has been talk about a skate park being built behind the tennis courts but the people involved don't have enough money yet.

If the police don't want skateboarders on the streets, then perhaps they could do something positive, such as helping to build a skate park instead of just enforcing law.



"For those of you who can't wait for the skate park to be built here in Menomonie, there are a couple different opinions. There are three skate parks in both Wisconsin and Minnesota.

In Wisconsin, there is the Area 51 Skate Park in Appleton, Medford Skate Park in Medford and the Four Seasons Skate Park in Milwaukee.

As for Minnesota, there is the Drop Zone Skate Park in Bemidji, G Shock Skate Park in Burnsville and only forty-five minutes away in Minneapolis is the 3rd Lair Skate Park. The other opinion is to revolt and bust out the skateboards and just ride.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Luke Bungaard

The Facts:
Junior
Running Back
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Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Bundgaard ran for a game high 119 yards on 23 carries and, in the process, broke the school career rushing record. He also holds the single game records for most attempts: 45 and most net yards: 335. Both were against the University of Wisconsin-Platteville in 2000.

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Drop the puck! Season's here

Joe Pollock
The Stoutonia

It's that time again, sports fans. The start of the 2002-2003 hockey season is upon us; the Blue Devils will be hosting a weekend battle against Lawrence University on Friday and Saturday nights at 7:30 p.m.

For those who have not experienced the excitement of a Blue Devil hockey game, this is not one to miss. For those who have, spread the word and help to get that arena rocking.

"You know we don't play on the nicest pond, but any team that comes into Dunn [County] Arena is going to leave black and blue," said the team's starting goaltender Jeff Dotson, a junior from Chanhassen, Minn.

Lawrence University knows all too well about this black and blue thing, with two wallopings at the hands of the Blue Devils to begin their last season.

For the second year the Blue Devils will open the season against Lawrence University. It will be a great chance to get ready for the physical brand of play that the Northern Collegiate Hockey Association (NCHA) brings to the ice.

"The NCHA is the premier hockey league in D-3 (Division 3)," said former player, Andy Anderson.

"Bar-none this is the most physical league I've played in," Anderson said.

Indeed the NCHA is a premier league: with four nationally ranked powerhouses, it is the highest ranked league in the nation. This combination of physical play and elite skill allows for the bone crunching action that the fans love.

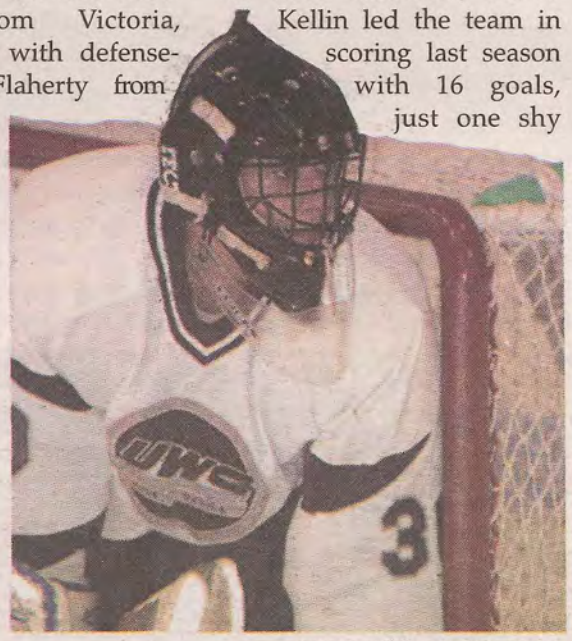
And some good news for Blue Devil fans, most of the team is still intact. They lost only four players from last year's squad, and will return a very young team with only three seniors - forward Drew Nichols from Victoria, Minn. along with defensemen Cullen Flaherty from Duluth, Minn. and Dan Moes from North St. Paul, Minn.

"We are a very young team," Coach Terry Watkins said.

Watkins added that he is excited about the incoming talent.

Key players returning include goalie Jeff Dotson, who set a school record last season, allowing less than three goals a game.

On the offensive side is forward Mitch Kellin, a junior from Cohasset, Minn. Kellin led the team in scoring last season with 16 goals, just one shy of the team record.



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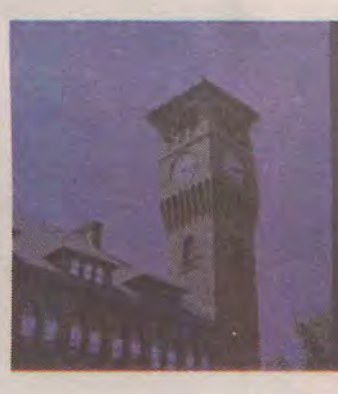
Jeff Dotson will once again cover the goal for the BlueDevils this season.

As always, the Blue Devils will be playing home games at the not-so-state-of-the-art Dunn County Arena. Getting there is simple. Just take Main Street east for several blocks until the road ends. Then, if you look up, there is a large sign that reads "Dunn County Arena." Bingo! You are there.

Don't worry if you're trying to pinch pennies and save up for that last minute Halloween costume; the game is free with a Stout ID. That's right free!

So don't get into the old 'What are we going to do tonight?' debate. Here's the plan. Have a cold beverage, and come on out to the game. On a side note, you should dress warm.

Then again, as Mitch Kellin put it, "The action's so hot, you can't even tell how freezin' a#@ cold it is!"


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Menomonie's lack of public transportation leaves students stranded when they don't have a ride.

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Election day near

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

The time is near for Wisconsinites to cast their vote for who will represent them in government for the next four years.

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, polling stations across the city of Menomonie will be open for residents to register and vote for their chosen candidate. But how difficult is it to cast your ballot?

"It's really quite simple," said city clerk JoAnn Kadinger.

First, the resident will need to determine which city ward they live in.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout residence halls are spread over two wards. North campus students are in ward three and will vote at the Dunn County Government Center at 800 Wilson Ave. Students living on south campus are in ward seven and will vote at the Merle Price Commons.

Off campus students should refer to a city ward map to determine where they go to vote. Both the Stout Student Association (SSA) and Dunn County Government Center offices are able to assist residents in this.

According to Tim Solfest, director of legislative affairs for SSA, if residents voted in Menomonie for the 2000 presidential election, they may no longer be registered. This is because the 2000 census; results caused the city to redistrict its wards.

If reregistering is necessary, it should only take a few minutes with the correct forms of identification.

Acceptable identification documents include any bill from the past 90 days that has the prospective voter's name and Menomonie address on it or a copy of a housing lease agreement. The resident must be 18 years of age and must have lived in Menomonie for at least 10 days.

"Not having enough time is no excuse for not voting," said Solfest.

Although the lines for voting in this election won't be as long as in the 2000 presidential election, Solfest stressed that the time spent casting a vote will directly impact the next four to five years of life in Wisconsin.

"If we want more attention from legislators, we have to make the first move," said Susan Dalton, a senior in dietetics.

"An activist doesn't have to be someone who is out protesting, writing letters to the editor or writing to legislators everyday. It starts by simply voting," said Dalton.

Individuals from Minn. can vote for the Wisconsin governor; all that is needed is proof of residence in Menomonie for at least 10 days.

Paul Wellstone



Courtesy http://wellstone.senate.gov

Pictured is Senator Paul Wellstone: please see page 2 for story of a fatal plane crash and the ramifications.

Just two regular guys wanting to be governor

Becky Hartung
The Stoutonia

Politician versus person-it's often easy to forget that those holding public office are simply regular people at heart, just like their constituents.

"I feel that the issues raised during the campaign weren't important," Wendy Dittmann, a program director for the department of industrial management, said. "I'm going to go on trust and honesty."



Governor Scott McCallum

Courtesy www.wistravel.com

He dribbles, looks right, looks left and opts to drive up the lane. With sweat pouring down his face, he leaps into the air, shoots . . . and misses. Nope, this player isn't headed for the pros; he's just a regular guy.

He's just a regular guy, and he happens to be none other than Scott McCallum, the governor of Wisconsin.

Exhausted from weeks of pounding down campaign trail, McCallum had the urge to shoot some hoops. After a few phone calls at the end of the summer, he appeared at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and played a couple games.

"He shoots like all the rest of us old guys," Eddie Andrist, the men's basketball coach, said. "We like to shoot, but it never goes in."

Andrist had never met the governor, and was surprised by McCallum's affable personality.

"It's amazing how many people won't give you the time of day," Andrist said. "He didn't have to be friendly, but he took the time to get to know me. He's genuine."

Playing basketball isn't the only passion of this slender, brown-haired gentleman with a gleaming smile. In the past, he's reveled in teaching youth sports. A father of four, McCallum has had many opportunities to do just that.

"And on Sundays, I like to kick back and watch the Packers play," McCallum added.

An avid reader, he's submerged himself in various genres. Unfortunately, 14-hour workdays have limited his repertoire of literature to the unenlivening, yet ever exhilarating state briefings.

> "I may be the governor, but underneath the title, I'm just a normal guy who wants what's best for the state."
>
> **Scott McCallum**

Throughout his childhood, McCallum learned the value of hard work. His father worked as an assembly worker and mail carrier, and his mom was a homemaker and a bank teller. These strong grass roots yield common ties to the average Wisconsin citizen.

Throughout high school and college, he was very active in football, basketball, baseball and swimming. He held a variety of jobs, including being a stock boy for Sears, lifeguarding and teaching swim lessons, unloading gondola cars and working in the school cafeteria.

"I may be the governor, but underneath the title, I'm just a normal guy who wants what's best for the state," McCallum said.

McCallum's ability to appeal to the general citizen may be the ticket to his re-election.

"It was great that the governor stopped by campus last week," Dittmann said. "Personalizing politics leaves a lasting impression. It means a lot, even if you personally don't support that candidate."

McCallum's chief competition, Jim Doyle, exposes different personal characteristics to the public.



Attorney General Jim Doyle

Courtesy www.doyle2002.com

Reserved and serious, Doyle may come across as the typical no-nonsense, hard-nosed lawyer, but the stereotype couldn't be any farther from the truth.

He may be all business on the outside, but underneath lies a fun-loving, average guy.

"Jim's very and compassionate and has a great sense of humor," said Mary Jo Wilmot, a Brown Deer, Wisc. resident who has known Doyle since the seventh grade. "He has all of the

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NEWS

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 39° Low 20° Partly Cloudy	High 37° Low 22° Mostly Cloudy	High 37° Low 26° Partly Cloudy

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Sorority sponsors annual blood drive

Debbie Paulson
The Stoutonia

Givng blood saves lives.

On Tuesday and Wednesday of this past week, many people came to to the University of Wisconsin-Stout to save lives, with help from American Red Cross .

The blood drive was sponsored by Gamma Sigma Sigma, a local sorority which sponsors and puts on the blood drive every semester. The event took place in the Student Memorial Center's Great Hall.

The numerous walk-in donors, plus the 224 appointment donors that gave blood, made for an outstanding outcome.

Last semester, the drive attracted 150 donors, and the one before, 120 donors.

"It goes up every semester," said Sara Avery, vice-president of Gamma Sigma Sigma, and a senior in hospitality and tourism. "We have been doing much more advertising, and the state of mind of the United States right now after Sept. 11 is very open and willing to help out."

Tuesday morning proved to be the busiest of both days while Wednesday was a little bit slower.

"This is a really good community and campus event, said Avery. "Everyone can contribute and make a difference."

The blood collected this past week will be kept and used in the midwestern area, aiding many people in the Twin Cities area.

Local companies such as Wal-mart, Market Place Foods and McDonald's helped by donating food and drinks for the blood drive.

Other organizations that helped with the costs of food were Alpha Phi Omega and Gamma Sigma Sigma.

"It's a great cause, and I am all about helping people who need blood," said Brian Duren, a business sophomore.

Brend Schwalbe, a collection technition with the Red Cross said, "For every five bags of blood, there is one person alive tomorrow strictly because people gave blood today."



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Pictured is a student attending the campus blood drive sponsored by Gamma Sigma Sigma.

Blood Donation Basics

- Donor must have form of ID
- Blood pressure and pulse must be taken
- Everything is kept confidential
- Donor can not give blood if sick or suspecting an STD
- Afterwards, donors may have an upset stomach, feel faint or dizzy or have a bruise
- Donors must drink a lot of water afterwards and have foods preferrably higher in sugar

Much loved Senator missed

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia

U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone, 58, a liberal Democrat, was known for his dedicated work on behalf of the underdog.

Wellston was killed morning of Oct. 26 when their plane crashed into woods in northern Minnesota's Iron Range.

All eight people on the plane died, including Wellstone's wife, Sheila Wellstone, 58, and their daughter, Marcia Markuson, 33.

"Minnesota and the rest of the U.S. were lucky to have had Wellstone involved in the workings of our political system," said Craig Grabhorn, a senior in graphic design. "Wellstone was a watchdog of sorts, he stood up against the political system with liberal views."

Wellstone will be remembered for his concerns for the common "little guy" issues: health care for the poor, insurance coverage for the mentally ill, - his brother suffered from mental illness - education, military restraint and care for seniors.

"Wellstone defined the liberal conscience edge of the Democratic party, but worked effectively with conservative and moderate members of the Senate," said Alec Kirby, a political science professor. "There is nobody on the horizon in Minnesota who can fill that role."



Courtesy http://wellstone.senate.gov

Pictured is Senator Paul Wellstone and his wife, Shelia, who were recently killed in a tragic plane crash.

The chartered plane had left St. Paul Downtown Airport about 9:30 a.m. Wellstone and his family were on their way to attend a funeral for the father of state Rep. Tom Rukavina. The plane went down about 10:22 a.m. due to bad weather, including freezing rain and light snow. It crashed about two miles away from the Eveleth airport, about 175 miles north of the Twin Cities.

A pilot who searched for the plane after it failed to arrive on schedule found it broken and burning in the wooded, swampy area.

Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and the FBI went to the crash site around 8:20 p.m. The FBI sent a 15-person evidence recovery team to the crash site. FBI investigators found no indication that would indicate this was an act of terrorism.

Investigators were trying to worked to reach the wreckage and find the in-flight recorder they believe was on board.

There were reports of freezing rain or mist, light snow and heavy overcast skies during the morning, according to the FAA, the state climatology office and area residents. It's unclear if weather played a role.

"I am struggling with the concern that is being shown just for Paul," said Desiree Nardini, an applied science junior who had Marcia Wellstone as a teacher in high school in White Bear Lake, Minn. "There were

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Candidates / real people

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"Seinfeld" tapes, and always watched "Taxi." He shows his other side, but not to the general public."

Compared to an outgoing and charming McCallum, Doyle's personality may appear to be listless. Yet, buried under his professional appearance is an upbringing that stressed morality and honorability, an upbringing almost anyone can relate to and respect.

> "His history of service is impressive."
>
> **Wendy Dittmann, a program director for industrial management majors**

Doyle was born into a strong Catholic family that was firmly rooted in the Democratic Party. His father was a federal judge, and his mom served as the school board president. In 1948, she became the first woman from Dane County to be elected to the Wisconsin State Assembly. Both parents were constantly in the public' eye, and emphasized that giving back to one's community was imperative.

As an adult, Doyle has given back far more than his parents could have expected. He worked as a lawyer for a federally funded project on the Navajo Indian Reservation in Chinle, Ariz., and both he and his wife served in Africa as teachers in the Peace Corps.

In the 1970s, Jim and his wife adopted their only two children, both of whom are African American. While this is more common in today's society, it was a radical idea more than twenty years ago.

Tied to his personal experiences with teaching, Doyle has a handful of alterations that he hopes to apply to the state's education system. The largest of which would be abolishing the Qualification Economic Offer (QEO) enacted by Tommy Thompson in 1993.

Under the QEO, teachers are not eligible to work under contract and receive a raise of 3.8 percent or more. This becomes problematic when inflation causes the cost-of-living price to increase more than 3.8 percent.

Feeling that their profession has been singled out, teachers are outraged, and have thrown much of their support to his campaign.

"My whole family teaches; I'm going to be one too," Kevin Pankratz, a non-traditional senior said. "I'm a Republican, but I'd much rather have Doyle in there because of the QEO."

Dittmann added, "I really like his teaching background, and his history of service is impressive. He seems like the type of leader that would be willing to take either a popular and unpopular stand."

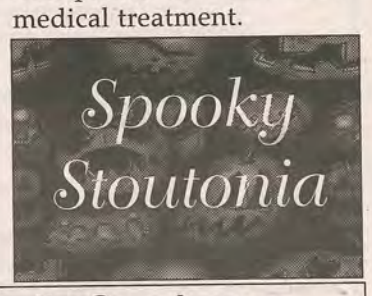
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Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Found and returned boxes
A Tustison Hall Resident Advisor reported to police on Oct. 24 that he had found two boxes hidden in the wall of a CKTO restroom. He noticed a wall panel loose in the bathroom and out of curiosity, removed it and found the boxes. The RA believed the box contained computer equipment and was stolen property. Upon investigation, the boxes were found to contain metal cash drawers. Police discovered that the area the boxes were found in is part of a storage room. The boxes were returned and the panel in the restroom will be secured.

Staff member inhaled
On Oct. 28, a staff member reported to police that he had a severe headache caused by inhaling sewer gas. The staff member was cleaning out a pipe when he inhaled the gas. He was transported to MWMC for medical treatment.



Wellstone/many affected by deaths

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other people on that plane who had families."

Nardini spoke warmly of Marci Wellstone's happy-go-lucky attitude and her devoted support for her family and father's campaign.

"She was inspired by her father, and always wanted to have a chance to help with his campain,"said Nardini.

This event has struck the political world in a dire time. Wellstone was in a tight race for a third term and facing challenger Norm Coleman, the former St. Paul Mayor. Both Republicans and Democrats were wrapped in the race, as it could have determined control of the Senate, which the Democrats now control by just one seat.

"Senator Wellstone's death is a damaging blow to the Democratic party's effort to maintain a majority in the U.S. Senate, and perhaps a mortal blow to the hopes of anti-war liberal Democrats," said Kirby. "Wellstone was a lonely advocate of international law."

Grabhorn said, "Wellstone stood up against many things that had impact on ordinary people. His major battles included stopping efforts to cut government funding for poor, medicaid and education."

Minnesota state law gives the Democratic party up to four days before the electionto name a replacement for Wellstone before the Nov. 5 election. Democrats now have 49 senators and Republicans have 49, with Wellstone's death.

Kirby said, "Wellstone stood for his principles. Winning at any cost was not his way."

Wednesday evening Walter Mondale officilally agreed to replace Wellstone in the race for the senate seat.

The death of Wellstone should give anyone who claims to support our American system feeling a loss, as he was one of the key members of the system who kept things balanced and in check.

University Priority Sessions

UW-Stout uses an open participatory planning and priority setting on campus. An important part of this process is participation by all faculty, staff and students in the annual deliberation of which directions or issues should become priorities for this campus. The process calls for informed discussion of potential issues before identifying priorities in the upcoming budget cycle.

Nov. 4. 2002	9:30 a.m.	Ballroom A
Nov. 5, 2002	2:30 p.m.	Ballroom C
Nov. 6, 2002	8:30 a.m.	Glass Lounge
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Br	Ba	Address	Entire Unit	Per Person	Entire Unit	Per Person	Property Notes	Type
1		147 1/2 Main St. #3	$180	$180	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/bathroom off hallway /location N/P	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St. #4	$180	$180	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/bathroom off hallway /location N/P	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #8	$190	$190	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/bathroom off hallway /location N/P	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #6	$190	$190	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/bathroom off hallway /location N/P	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #9	$220	$220	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/bathroom off hallway /location N/P	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #7	$240	$240	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/bathroom off hallway /location N/P	SR
1	1	620 9th Ave	$220	$220	n/a	n/a	Efficiency Apartment	3
1		147 1/2 Main St #5	$230	$230	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/bathroom off hallway /location N/P	SR
1	1	802 6th Av #2	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	All Util included, great location/ N/P	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #1	$260	$260	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus N/P	6
1	1	113 1/2 Main St. #5	$260	$260	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash/ LOCATION N/P	9
1	1	702 - 4th St.	$263	$263	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #2	$290	$290	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus N/P	6
1	1	113 1/2 Main St. #6	$310	$310	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash/ LOCATION N/P	9
1	1	421 1/2 - 13th Av.W.	$300	$300	$385	$385	Super nice/Great location	D
1	1	1220 6th Av E	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	Cozy efficiency apt with all utilities except Elec	8
1	1	1222 6th Ave	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	Cozy, studio, all util except elec, avail	8
1	1	611 13th St E	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
1	1	613 13th St E	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #5	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus N/P	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #3	$320	$320	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus N/P	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #4	$320	$320	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus N/P	6
1	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#9	$320	$320	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash/ LOCATION N/P	9
1	1	113 1/2 Main St. #1	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash/ LOCATION N/P	9
1	1	113 1/2 Main St. #2	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash/ LOCATION N/P	9
1	1	119 W. Main #1	$275	$275	n/a	n/a	Close to campus and downtown	3
1	1	1221 - 7th St.	$380	$380	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water/Excellent Location	4
1	1	803 Wilson Av #5	$350	$350	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #4	$350	$350	n/a	n/a	Includes Util/Location	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #6	$350	$350	n/a	n/a	Includes Util/Location	8
1	1	1226 Knapp St	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	Downstairs of duplex/North Menomonie	D
1	1	1520 7th Street	$385	$385	n/a	n/a	Close to campus/parking	D
1	1	803 Wilson Av #7	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #8	$370	$370	n/a	n/a	Avail 9/1 Close to campus/util included	8
1	1	421 Wilson Ave. #3	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water, parking	6
1	1	421 Wilson Ave. #4	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water, parking	6
2	1	115 1/2 W. Main	$350	$175	$4000	$200	Close to campus and downtown	D
2	1	802 6th Av #5	$480	$240	n/a	n/a	Util included/off street parking	D
2	1	1506 1/2 6th St.	$300	$165	$400	$200	Enclosed front porch / great location	D
2	1	113 W. Main	$350	$175	$420	$210	Close to campus and downtown	H
2	1	119 W. Main #2	$370	$185	$420	$210	Close to campus and downtown	3
2	1	915 1/2 Main	$375	$188	$450	$225	Nice duplex with parking	D
2	1	921 Main St #2	$400	$200	$480	$240	Good location	6
2	1	203 1/2 13th Ave. W.	$370	$185	$430	$215	Huge bedrooms, super location	D
2	1	2702 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms, coin laundry, parking	8
2	1	1415 4th St. W	$400	$200	$470	$235	Gas heat/Garage	D
2	1	1506 - 6th St.	$400	$200	$470	$235	Huge bedrooms/Enclosed front porch	D
2	1	414 1/2 - 12th Ave. W.	$420	$210	$500	$235	Large, Great Location N/P	D
2	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$400	$200	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash/ LOCATION	9
2	1	1721 1/2 7th St.	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc Utilities/good location/washer/dryer	D
2	1	1221 1/2 - 7th St.	$430	$215	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water/excel loc	4
2	1	619 1/2 - 13th Ave.	$450	$225	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water	4
2	1	421 - 13th Ave. W.	$425	$213	$545	$272	Gas heat/hardwood floors/Garage	D
2	1	113 1/2 Main St. #4	$450	$225	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash / LOCATION N/P	9
2	1	619 - 13th Ave.	$460	$230	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water/excellent location	4
2	1	1803 1/2 7th St.	$450	$225	$510	$255	Remodeled, Large apartment/Washer-Dryer	D
2	1	620 1/2 9th Ave	$480	$240	$555	$278	Lg upper apt close to campus	3
2	1	607 13th St	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt/off st parking/ut inc except elec.	8
2	1	603 13th St E	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
2	1	605 13th St E	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
2	1	421 Wilson Ave. #2	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, trash, 2 parking spaces	6
2	1	421 Wilson Ave. #1	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, trash, 2 parking spaces	6
2	1	421 Wilson Ave. #5	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, trash, 2 parking spaces	6
2	1	421 Wilson Ave. #6	$470	$235	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, trash, 2 parking spaces	6
2		147 1/2 Main St "C"	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc. Util/Location N/P	4
2	1	1502 - 10th St.	$520	$260	$640	$320	Garage/WashDry hook-up	H
2	1	1310 1/2 Main St.	$540	$270	n/a	n/a	Very nice upper apt/Large	D
2	1	1721 7th St.	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Inc utilities/good location/large apt	D
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$420	$140	$540	$180	WasherDryer/Next to campus	3
3	1	119 W. Main #3	$500	$200	$590	$230	Close to campus and downtown	D
3	1	716 12th Ave.	$575	$192	$715	$238	BIG kitchen and living room w/d	6
3	1	802 6th Ave #4	$660	$220	$610	$220	Parking, Util inc	D
3	1	1509 1/2 - 6th St.	$575	$192	$680	$227	nice place/good shape / location	4
3	1	921 Main St #3	$575	$192	$675	$225	parking and convienient location	D
3	1	814 1/2 10th St.	$600	$200	$700	$233	Large rooms, gas heat, nice place	D
3	1	1415 1/2 4th St. W	$600	$200	$705	$235	Gas heat/Garage MODERN	D
3	1	503 18th Ave.	$625	$208	n/a	n/a	Very nice, Close to campus	D
3	1	503 1/2 18th Ave.	$625	$208	n/a	n/a	Very nice, Close to campus	D
3	1	1310 Main St.	$625	$208	n/a	n/a	Large apartment	D
3	.5+	147 1/2 Main B	$720	$240	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/.5bath/washer/dryer N/P	4
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$525	$131	$645	$161	WasherDryer/Next to campus	D
4	1	1606 10th St.	$580	$145	$750	$188	House behind Lammers, w/d hook-up	H
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$580	$145	$720	$180	right behind Lammers/ Nice layout	H
4	1	1508 10th St.	$600	$150	$740	$185	Close to Lammers / Large Rooms	H
4	1	1809 - 6th St.	$600	$150	$740	$185	WashDry hook-up/Gas Heat/Garage	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	WashDry hook-up/Gas Heat/Garage	H
4	1	321 13th Ave. W.	$620	$155	$740	$187	Super Location / HOUSE	H
4	1	1115 14th Ave.	$660	$165	$780	$195	Gas heat/garage/large rooms/WasherDryer	H
4	1	1120 15th Ave.	$640	$160	$800	$200	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook up	D
4	1	2235 So Broadway	$900	$225	$1,060	$190	Super location/large house/parking	H
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$740	$185	$850	$195	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas Heat	H
4	1	121 12th Ave. W.	$840	$210	$960	$240	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$760	$190	$880	$220	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	1.5	121 1/2 12th Ave. W.	$840	$210	$960	$240	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1	1509 6th St	$800	$200	$940	$235	Lower level, great location, parking	D
4	1	1216 6th St.	$840	$210	$1,000	$250	New siding/across from campus	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$800	$200	$960	$240	Excellent location/Parking	H
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #1	$880	$220	$1,000	$250	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #2	$880	$220	$1,000	$250	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #3	$880	$220	$1,000	$250	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #4	$880	$220	$1,000	$250	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #5	$880	$220	$1,000	$250	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #6	$880	$220	$1,000	$250	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #7	$860	$215	$980	$245	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #8	$860	$215	$980	$245	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond	8
4	2	1620 6th St.	$960	$240	$1,080	$270	Great House/WashDry hook-up/gas heat	H
4	1	915 Main St	$700	$175	$825	$206	Good location in duplex	D
4	1+	1515 6th St.	$960	$240	$1,080	$270	Spacious, Close to Campus, washer/dryer	H
4	2	1301 9th St.	$1,000	$250	$1,150	$205	Beautiful house with porch/garage/Loaction	H
4	2	602 12th Ave.	$980	$245	$1,100	$275	Great Location, W/D, gas heat, very nice	D
4	2	1415 8th St.	$980	$245	$1,100	$275	Upgraded recently, great location, parking	H
4	2	332 1/2 Main St.	$1,000	$250	$1,130	$283	Huge, W/D, deck, the best 4 br dntwn/parking	D
4	2	1317 8th St.	$1,000	$250	$1,120	$280	Washer/Dryer, Deck, good location	H
4	2	1021 8th St.	$1,000	$250	$1,175	$294	Beautiful house with decks/close to campus	H
4	2+	147 1/2 Main St "A"	$1,200	$300	n/a	n/a	INCLUDES UTIL./HUGE/LOCATION	4
4	2	1702 6th St	$1,000	$250	$1,200	$300	Large House close to campus washer/dryer	H
4	1	205 17th Ave W.	$1,100	$275	$1,300	$325	Great location and condition, w/d hookups	4
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	Gas heat/Storage	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave	$725	$145	$875	$175	WashDry hook-up/Storage/Gas heat	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	1	1320 6th St.	$820	$164	$980	$196	Lic for 7/WD hook-up/great location	H
5	2	1403 - 6th St.	$810	$162	$970	$194	BIG FOR 6/good location / lots of parking	H
5	2	814 10th St.	$895	$179	$1,070	$214	Lots of room on two levels	D
5	2	516 19th Ave. W.	$895	$179	$1,045	$209	Large/Parking/Family room	D
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$925	$185	$1,085	$217	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	1	1115 6th St	$950	$190	$1,050	$210	Washer/Dryer right on campus	H
5	2	512 19th Ave. W.	$900	$180	$1,050	$210	Large / Parking / Family room	D
5	2	1220 7th St.	$900	$180	$1,075	$215	1 Block from Campus/washer/dryer/house	H
5	2	405 20th Ave E	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Great house/washer/dryer	H
5	2	409 13th Ave W.	$920	$184	$1,120	$224	some new carpet and lino	H
5	2	1315 11th St. E.	$975	$195	$1,125	$225	Extra rooms/Large yard/Great house	H
5	1	914 6th Ave.	$1,000	$200	n/a	n/a	great house, several blocks from campus	H
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr.#1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/washer dryer	D
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr.#2	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/washer dryer	D
5	2	722 14th Ave.	$1,000	$200	$1,170	$234	Big rooms / great house/new carpet	H
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$1,050	$210	$1,200	$240	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
5	2	1803 7th St.	$1,050	$210	$1,225	$245	Washer/Dryer/parking/good location	H
5	2	2303 3rd St	$1,025	$205	$1,200	$240	Washer-Dryer/very nice inside/ large rooms	H
5	2	1521 8th St	$1,025	$205	$1,175	$235	House / Large Rooms / good location	H
5	2	121 W 13th Ave.	$1,125	$225	$1,275	$255	Excellent Location and Excellent condition	D
5	2	422 12th Ave. W	$1,125	$225	$1,275	$255	Nice house, large front porch, good location	H
5	2	607 13th Ave.	$1,125	$225	$1,285	$257	Excellent/huge rooms/location/parking	H
5	2	1008 6th St.	$1,250	$250	$1,430	$286	Excellent Location/garage/parking/wash/dryer	H
5	2	2006 5th St. #C	$1,250	$250	$1,400	$280	New/Washer-Dryer/ HAS EVERYTHING	3
5	2	2006 5th St. #B	$1,250	$250	$1,400	$280	New/Washer-Dryer/ HAS EVERYTHING	3
5	2	1708 6th St A	$1,300	$260	$1,450	$290	New/great location with parking/washer/dryer	D
5	2	1708 6th St B	$1,300	$260	$1,450	$290	New/great location with parking/washer/dryer	D
5	2	321 14th Av W	$1,250	$250	$1,400	$280	Close to campus, w/d, great house	H
6	2	513 9th Ave.	$1,230	$205	$1,410	$235	Aross from HOME EC/LARGE	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1,230	$205	$1,430	$238	Modern house/very large rooms/location	H
6	2+	1415 1/2 8th St.	$1,500	$250	$1,670	$278	Fabulous new construction, 1 yr old!	D
6	2+	408 18th Av W	$1,500	$250	$1,670	$278	Wonderful, w/d, close to campus	H
6	2+	921 8th St	$1,650	$275	$1,820	$303	Beautiful house, w/d, close to campus	H
6	2	115 17th Av W	$1,230	$205	$1,400	$233	House, location, w/d	H
6	2+	121 1/2 W 13th Ave.	$1,560	$260	$1,710	$285	NEW CONSTRUCTION-SUPER LOCATION	D
6	2	207 W 17th Ave	$1,650	$275	$1,710	$285	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
6	2	207 W 17th Ave	$1,650	$275	$1,710	$285	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
6	2	207 W 17th Ave	$1,650	$275	$1,710	$285	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
6	2	602 1/2 12th Ave.	$1,590	$265	$1,740	$290	new. large bedrooms, next to campus	D
7	2	220 - 12th Ave. W.	$1,290	$184	$1,535	$219	Location/Washer Dryer/large yard	H
7	2	1321 2nd St. W.	$1,400	$200	$1,575	$225	Large / 2 living rooms / location	H
7	2	802 12th Ave.	$1,575	$215	$1,650	$235	Large modern house in excellent condit.	H
8	3	1421 S. Broadway	$1,800	$225	$2,000	$250	ONE OF THE BEST LARGER HOUSES!	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	Super condition/lots of room/location	H
12	3	1612 9th St.	$1,800	$150	$2,100	$175	Great location, Washer/Dryer/remodeled	H

DUPLEX HOUSES CAN BE COMBINED TO CREATE LARGER HOUSES WITH 2 KITCHENS AND 2 L IVINGROOMS, FOR EXAMPLE:

			Rent Only		With Util		
Br	Ba	Address	Entire Unit	Per Person	Entire Unit	Per Person	Property Notes
3	2	421 13th Ave West	$725	$228	$930	$297	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
4	2	1506 6th St.	$730	$180	$870	$218	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
4	2	1721 7th St.	$1,000	$250	INC	INC	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
6	2	503 18th Ave	$1,250	$208	N/A	N/A	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
7	2	1311 S. Broadway	$945	$136	$1,185	$198	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
7	2	1509 6th St.	$1,375	$197	$1,620	$232	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
7	3	1803 7th St.	$1,500	$215	$1,735	$248	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
8	2	1208 8th St.	$1,200	$150	$1,440	$180	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
8	3	814 10th St.	$1,495	$187	$1,710	$214	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
8	2+	121 12th Ave W.	$1,680	$210	$1,620	$240	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
9	2	1120 15th Ave	$1,440	$161	$1,730	$199	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
12	4	114 (A & B) 17th Ave	$2,100	$175	$2,330	$210	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE

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You know, there isn't a "Rock-the-Apathy"

I know that most of you must be wrapped up with Halloween right now. That probably means you're forgetting about something substantially more important.

What could be more important than the best night of the year you ask? I'm talking about election time.

That's right, in a few days, almost none of you will be voting in one of the closest and most important elections in this state's recent history.

Students from Minnesota will most likely not vote in an election so emotionally charged that feelings almost outweigh the actual election.

What's with the condescending attitude you ask? Well, voter turn-out is one of the most pathetic aspects of this supposedly free country.

Roughly 60 percent of you didn't even vote in the presidential election a few years ago. Sure, the election debacle that engulfed the year 2000 got you interested, but did you vote? Probably not.

Being that the upcoming elections are not national, we can expect even more voter apathy.

The fact is, elections like these are as important as presidential elections, and often times more so.

Gubernatorial elections, which elect the state governors, are more likely to affect you than presidential elections.



If you don't believe me, just think back to a few years ago when certain state governors wanted to end reciprocity between Minnesota and Wisconsin.

So, get out there and vote. I know this will come off as a Rock-the-Vote type plea, but at least MTV cares about elections.

Please do even more; get educated about who you vote for, where to vote, and remember, this is a freedom you are using.

The competitive sports spirit never dies



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

Seconds are left on the clock. The pressure is on to score the game-winning point. There is an entire field before you and only one way to go: forward.

I really thought that when I played my final game of soccer in high school, my competitive nature would end also. Until this weekend, that was true.

When I was in high school, I released all the frustration and dissatisfaction in my life through sports for a long time; I had a lot. When my team even went to the Wisconsin State Soccer Tournament, I realized how much fun being competitive can be.

But I have grown-up a lot since then. I live in a house without my parents. I stay up past my bedtime. And most importantly, I have a ridiculous amount of debt.

Despite my near senior citizen status, I went ahead and joined my third organization on this campus, the ultimate frisbee team.

If you have never experienced a game of ultimate frisbee, I am shocked. You're in college for crying out loud. Isn't ultimate frisbee the official sport of college? But in case you've been barricaded in your dorm room the whole time, check it out. It's worth it.

Anyway, I went to a tournament with the Yeti team this past weekend, and it was a huge flashback. Once again I found myself chasing down the opposition with aggression and determination. It was great.

And then there was the team itself. I have always loved team sports, but this was so much more. The team wanted to succeed, but they weren't filled with anger like some competitive types.

They were there to simply have fun.

The inside jokes and the laughs were a common occurrence despite the intensity of the games. For some reason, even the games we lost didn't seem like a failure. I walked away with a smile on my face every time I left the field.

When the dust settled and the weekend was over, my poor, old body wasn't in too great of shape, but I am certainly glad I found something that is worth the pain again. It may have only been a single weekend of competitive activity that reignited my competitive nature, but I hope that it lasts for the short remainder of my lengthy college career.

Forum: Once again we go back to the right to bare arms



TESTPATTERN
Matt Tracy, Esq.

The following is a letter *The Stoutonia* received regarding my editorial "Now for the Second Amendment and that can of worms." I have chosen to run it as a forum piece. Hopefully the discussion it sparks will be beneficial to everyone:

Mr. Tracy,

Regarding your editorial in the 10-24-02 issue, you seem to be confused about guns and gun registration. I think your aim was to present both sides of the gun control debate and sum it up with a "why can't we compromise" finale'. I hope to enlighten you as to why compromise will not work.

You stated that you are opposed to most guns, that many are designed solely for killing people. While I am no advocate of murder, you must admit that the killing of another with a firearm is perfectly legitimate when your life or the life of another is threatened. Even gun-ban groups like HCI admit that firearms are used in self-defense over 70,000 each year. Perhaps you should keep in mind that a gun is neither good nor bad. It has no heart, no conscience, no feelings. It can do no harm and be of no help by itself. It is only a tool. How that tool is used is entirely the respon-

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Letters to the Editor

Car Crash Article

Dear Editor,

When I saw the headline "Tragedy hits home." it hit me a little harder than I thought. I heard of the accident late Friday night from a co-worker. I thought as my parents say, "no news is good news." You see I grew up in that sleepy town of Cedar Grove, WI where the accident happened. I drove that route to work almost everyday on my way to and from Sheboygan. Most of my family, friends and old classmates still live in that town of 1800 people and commute to work on that highway. I had a feeling that everything was OK because my parents did not call, but I just had to know for myself. I called my parents later that night and much to my relief no one that I knew personally was in the crash. I can only imagine what my Uncle and a few of my classmates saw that morning. They are with the volunteer fire and rescue and the first on the scene. The horror that they saw with people they could not rescue when they arrived is very tough on them, and the community as a whole. They are still reminded of the accident every day on their own commute to work. The countryside is littered with the reminder of that day. Flowers and crosses are placed on the burnt ground where there loved ones last were. It made me think of my own mortality because of the location of the crash, and the fear of my family and friends dying that day. I now more than ever make it more of a point to tell my family and friends that I love them, and I hope you will too.

Matthew Heuver
Student

Film Class Clarifications

Letter to the Editor:

I wish to thank the Stoutonia for featuring our courses that that teach film as literature. We think they help round out our course offerings by offering students the chance to study what might be considered the newest genre of literature. We also think that, since Americans are often exposed to films and referenes to film, UW-Stout students are well served when they learn how to interpret film.

We did, however, notice that a few mistakes that might be confusing for students trying to register appeared in the article

The first is that Lit. 230 American Cinema is the new course –offered spring semester for only the second time. This course studies the development of film from its European beginnings to the recent near domination of the film industry by the United States. But mostly, it is about movies and does, as the article suggests, trace film development from the silents through talkies to both the high tech stuff today and the very sophisticated character centered independent films. Only one section per year is offered –that is in the spring semester.

Our other film related course is not new. Lit. 208 Fiction into Film has been offered for nearly a decade. It centers on film adaptations of fictional works — from ancient Chinese folk tales to modern short stories to contemporary novels. This course, like American Cinema, sometimes uses what is often considered the most important film ever made *Citizen Kane* but not because it emanates from previously published fiction—it does not. That film helps students to develop a film criticism vocabulary useful in analyzing the adaptations. Three sections (two in the fall and one in spring) are offered every year.

In addition, this year a new faculty member is offering a WinTerm section of Lit. 208 in which he will, with the students, investigate the many fictional, mythic and documentary sources which may—or may not—have influenced George Lucas in developing the Star Wars series of films.

Thanks for publishing these corrections.

Sue Bridwell Beckham,
Professor of English

Editor Coenen,

In reference to your article "Is this a real college or just one big bar?" in the October 24th edition of The Stoutonia, I was grateful to see we share the same opinion about the drinking problem (notice I didn't say "drinking climate") on this campus. What you have written is the valuable opinion of a majority of our students, regardless of their choice to drink or not.

In the past two years it has shocked me that seemingly all students on this campus hold the same irrational belief that one cannot have fun without alcohol. Students have grown comfortable with their reality that alcohol is the primary focus of their lives, and this is the true meaning of alcoholism. Whether it's defined as a chemical dependency or social addiction, this campus has a problem that I have seen nowhere else.

I believe the full weight of this blame should fall on the students of UW-Stout. Unfortunately the people who feel the magnitude of the alcohol problem are students like you and I who are not a part of it. I offer my empathy to all students like us that choose not to drink or choose to drink responsibly.

For all other students who drink to extremes, furnish alcohol to immature minds, or are silently agreeing to the Stout Drinking Problem, I give my pity to the people around you, you have caused them more stress and harm than you will ever realize.

With Sincerity,
Jeremy E. Dowd

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sibility of the person who possesses it.

We register cars, why not guns? Because it is expensive, intrusive, accomplishes very little and just adds grease to the "slippery slope" you mentioned. Unlike firearms, there is no constitutional right to own or drive a car. Registering vehicles has never prevented them from being used in a crime. And most importantly, vehicle registration laws were not pushed into existence by groups seeking to ban cars. Firearm registration only affects law abiding gun owners, and creates no guarantee against any future criminal behavior. The truth is, Mr. Tracy, firearm registration is the first step in losing your right to own guns. If you do not believe me, read on.

In 1921, New Zealand passed a law requiring gun registration. In 1974 the NZ government confiscated all revolvers privately held. Canada has required pistols to be registered since the 1920's. In May 1995, Canada banned previously legal pistols. The owners may retain them, but they must be surrendered to the government at the owner's death. Australia, in 1996, used firearm registration data to confiscate most semi-automatic rifles and semi-automatic and pump shotguns. Great Britain began registering pistols in 1921; in 1997 all handguns were banned and confiscated. Closer to home, New York City passed gun registration in 1967. Those data were used in 1990 to inform law abiding people that they must surrender, make inoperable or remove from the city their semi-automatic rifles and shotgun. California, in 1989, required registration, then within the same year banned certain models of semi-automatic rifles.

Let's put it in a different perspective. You write editorials. A large group forms against what you write. They make up a catchy phrase like "Ban Assault Editorials" and they demand that you stop writing "assault editorials". They run into a problem with the first amendment, but they do not stop. They lobby for legislation that says its okay if you write, but you must first obtain a license for each editorial you write. Would you agree to this? I would hope not. I would hope that all Americans would fight against it, that we would never passively give up any constitutional right. Because, to paraphrase Benjamin Franklin: Anyone who gives up liberty for security deserves neither.

Thank you for your time,

Gerald T. King

Matt Tracy responds:

First, let me thank you, Mr. King, for taking the time to write such a thoughtful and well-researched letter. Let me also state that you, as a campus police officer, have my utmost respect. The fact that you are able to do your job without a firearm is even more impressive to me.

I feel that I should reiterate what I was trying to accomplish with my editorial. We must compromise. You, unfortunately, do not think that one can be reached because you are so staunchly against gun-registration and licensing.

While I will not respond to all of your points, two struck me as rather odd.

Your point about gun registration leading to gun revocation is true, but I feel that it is a small price to pay. You mentioned gun bans that sprang from registration in New Zealand, Canada, Australia and Great Britain. I find it odd that you would choose countries that have gun-death rates that are at most 36 percent of ours. It seems to me that maybe these countries are on to something.

In California, I assume that you are referring to the Roberti-Roos Assault Weapons Control Act of 1989. With this piece of legislation, California was able to ban a number of what they termed "assault weapons."

Just so I wasn't confused, I looked up many of the guns included by the California legislature. After doing so, I felt even better about the passing of that bill. The "certain models of semi-automatic rifles" included in the ban are both AK-type rifles and MAC-type firearms; both machine guns.

And in case you are referring to the various shotguns covered by the ban, I don't think anyone would want to defend Striker 12 or Franchi SPAS 12, both military shotguns.

For those of you who aren't going to look up these guns, let me give you a visual example. The SPAS 12 was the gun the character Muldoon used in "Jurassic Park" to hunt Raptors.

As for your argument about me writing "assault editorials," I will say this: I would gladly go along with the unlikely scenario that you mentioned. But for me to agree to this, my editorials would have to be responsible for over 60 percent of all homicides annually.

So what should be done with guns? I honestly think you should have them. I hold too much respect for police; they shouldn't have to compete at the same level as criminals when it comes to guns.

Do I want liberties stripped? No. But do I want to be shot? Definitely not.

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Can a taxi service survive here?

Menomonie may be closer to having a taxi service than some may think

Tiffany Laschinger
The Stoutonia

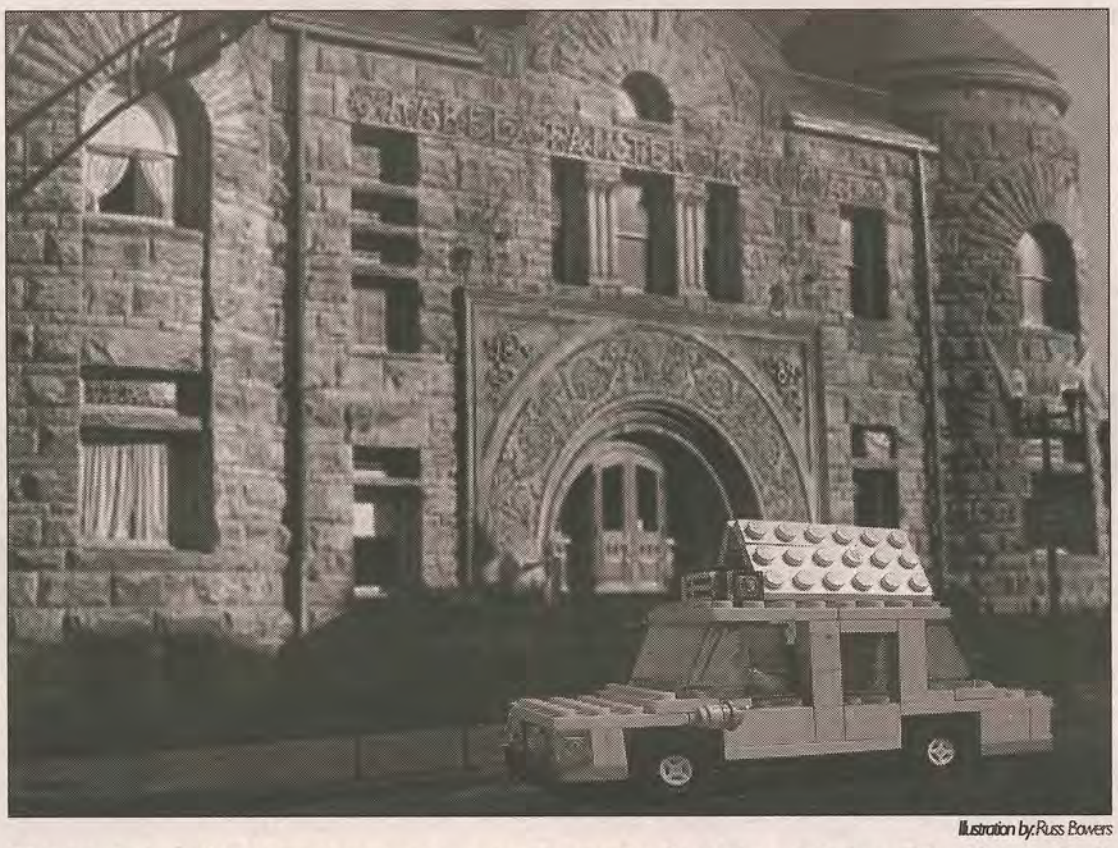


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Menomonie currently lacks a campus escort system. Frustrated, students have resorted to parking tickets or drunk driving. Anything would be an improvement. Anything.

It seemed that the last call for drinks was only minutes before, but the owner is now announcing that the bar will be closing in five minutes, and your designated driver did not stay sober, as promised earlier that evening.

Two options lay before your group: you can walk home in the cold and rainy night and receive a ticket for parking overnight in the lot, or the person that is the most sober can drive the group home.

"When we leave the bars, we just pick the [most] sober person to drive to Perkins," said Rob Brown, a sophomore in construction.

Another option that is present in many cities, but is not readily available to people living in Menomonie, is a taxi service.

"Menomonie is not big enough to make it cost effective," Brown said.

Menomonie has had a few taxi services over the years, but none of them remain today. Courier Cab and ABC Cab were privately owned and operated taxi services that ran mostly within city limits, but both have stopped running.

University of Wisconsin-Stout campus police started a walking escort service for students around six years ago, but it was terminated because students were not utilizing it.

In 2000, the program became a vehicle escort system, and was funded partially through both a federal COPS-MORE grant and the parking budget.

According to Lisa Walter, chief of campus police, the program cost around $30,000 to maintain each year.

This escort program was originally proposed to transport students to on-campus facilities, but it was expanded to transport off-campus students to their house. When the program was reviewed, Walter found that the vehicles were being used more as a taxi service; this did not comply with the primary plan.

"The original idea was to promote safety," Walter said. "But usage didn't parallel that thought initially."

When the program was reviewed, Walter found that at least one of the stops, either pick-up or drop-off, was to an off-campus destination. The only times that the escort service seemed to be busy was when it was cold or raining.

"Two years ago, we terminated [the] federally funded driving escort service by Campus Police when funds ran out and it was determined that 92 percent of its users were doing so for non-academic reasons," John Enger director of university relations said.

Most of these destinations included house parties, bars and friends' houses. Walter felt that since students choose to go to these places, they probably could have arranged a ride back.

Safety is an issue when students are walking home late at night or if they are returning from the bars after drinking. Although police are a resource to call upon for security, they are not a service for escort.

"I understand that's a safety issue, but the police department is not the appropriate facility to contact," Walter said.

To operate a taxi or transportation service in Menomonie, a license is required. The only people that have a public transportation license are Disabled and Elderly Transportation (DET) and Randy "Bull" Kabes.

DET is a non-profit federally funded transport service for not only the disabled and elderly, but also for other Menomonie citizens looking for a ride within the city-limits. DET has nine licensed vehicles for transport, seven of which are lift equipped. The service runs seven days a week.

"Only 51 percent of patrons have to be elderly or disabled," said DET employee Chris Leubner. "But 95 percent of the patrons are elderly or disabled."

In addition, DET runs a

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Raise your temperature and lower your bill

Ways to winterize your home and save money on your heating costs

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia



by Andy Kiekhafer, The Stoutonia

More than just a wall decoration, the thermostat plays an imperative role in regulating the heat of your everyday residency.

Living in this small, suburban ghetto that is called Menomonie, housing is never going to be perfect. There will always be the occasional problem that will take six months for your landlord to fix. By the time it gets fixed, you've grown so accustomed to the problem that you miss it when it's not there.

It's like coming home from class and noticing that your favorite hole in the wall, the hole that had stuck out late nights of homework

> "If you are in an old house , you are going to be stuck with a large heating bill."
>
> **Brad Hesch**
> *Sr., Telecom.*

with you, the hole that was there when your grandpa died and the hole that witnessed your first kiss with the cute neighbor, is filled with gray putty.

This winter, there is no reason to become accustomed to 30-below weather in your living room or million dollar heating bills.

There are a lot of things that you can do to winterize your home that don't included 40 layers of clothing.

"We don't know what to do," Mike Walker, a junior in food systems technology said. "I think [landlords] should let us know."

Landlords should be available to call upon if professional maintenance needs to be done in your house or appartment. There are things that students can do to winterize their houses.

"We'll probably just keep the doors and windows shut," said Laura Hansen, a junior in general business.

Obviously, the first step

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"Driving the drunks"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

In any other city, if a random stranger were to pull up in a car and ask you if you wanted a ride home, the internalized don't-talk-to-strangers response would trigger you to give an automatic no. You would then avert your eyes, walk with a near sprinting pace and search for the nearest cop.

Not in Menomonie.

A car pulled up to four friends walking home at 2:00 a.m. and the driver asked if they need a ride home. The friends looked at each other in silent deliberation and asked if the driver was serious. The driver nodded, and the friends hopped in the car.

Last Thursday night, my friend Christine and I decided to stay sober and drive people home from the bars. We got into my car at 1:30 a.m. and headed up Broadway. Not knowing what to do, we simply rolled down our windows and offered a ride to the first person we saw. We told him we were sober-cabs for the night and he got in.

We dropped him off and went back for round two. Within an hour we ended up bringing 22 people home. On some runs, we fit up to four guys in the back of my Plymouth Acclaim. Most could not believe that we would do something like this, but all of our drunken passengers thanked us profusely for being such nice girls, saviors of drunks and even awesome brawds.

I had my doubts before leaving that night, but everything turned out fine.

I was aware that there could be serious safety issues concerning two girls driving drunk strangers home, but after reviewing the options and taking precautions, the benifits outweighed the risk.

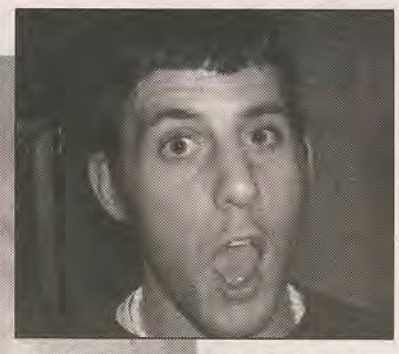
There were two of us, and passengers had to ride in back. I removed all objects from the backseat, and no one could bring any alcohol into my car.

Christine and I had a blast listening to our crazy passengers, and 22 people got home safely. My loss of sleep was worth it.

Campus Slant



"Roll it up and smoke it."
~John Bretzke,
Soph., construction



"Melt it and throw it at Chancellor Sorensen"
~Ben Leroy
Soph., business administration

What would you do with ten pounds of powdered cheese?



"Bag it up and give it to trick-or-treaters."
~Amanda Burke
Jr., human development

"Give it to the cafeteria because I don't eat there. I like real cheese."
~Melissa Welch
Soph., Interior design



Next Week:

If you could add a class what would it be?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

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service known as the Doorstop Bus. It is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. This service costs two dollars for a ride one way anywhere within the city.

The Red Bull, driven by Kabes, picked up its first passenger last spring. Kabes made a personal investment in a short bus to provide people leaving the bars with a safe ride home.

"I originally started it to have a ride for myself to get to the bars on the north side of town," Kabes said. "I am hoping to hire another driver to run [the Red Bull] more days."

Kabes just got the Red Bull back from the shop; mechanics were working to repair the broken bus. The Red Bull ran for the first time again last Thursday.

Kabes plans to run the Red Bull from Wednesday through Saturday starting around 8:00 p.m. until the last person leaves the bars. He will also be driving on Sundays until the end of football season.

"My plan is to charge $4 to go anywhere that night, I may charge $3 to just go home," Kabes said.

For Kabes, nothing is permanently set in motion, he is just looking to gain recognition from bar regulars, so they know to look for him when they need a ride home. He also hopes that eventually, people leaving the bars will form in groups that live near each other. This makes it more time effective for Kabes, rather than to drop people off individually.



Courtesy of: Google.com

Students may bennifit from a taxi service such as this, but many feel that Menomonie is not large enough to facilitate a full-fledged taxi service.

It takes a lot of funding for a taxi service to get up and running, and some of the cost may be paid for by students through fares.

"Penny-pinching college students may be more inclined to take the risk of driving intoxited as opposed to calling a taxi," said Mike Miller, a sophomore in applie math. "However, it would be nice to have that option."

Some students are taking an active role in starting a transportation service. Stout Student Association (SSA) representatives Tim Solfest, a senior in psychology, and Dave Hay, an undeclared junior, have been researching a way to get such a service in Menomonie.

"I believe that the need for public transportation is proven every time we build or expand our parking lots, every time a disabled student can't make it to Wal-mart and every time we hear of another drunk driver," Hay said.

Together, they plan to begin by holding an informational meeting sometime next month for anyone that is interested in seeing a transportation system established in Menomonie.

"A problem exists; the issue is not about disputing reality, but in determining what the best course of action is," Hay said.

No matter who starts a taxi service in Menomonie, it is up to the students and town residents to keep the business running.

"In light of recent events pertaining to drunk driving and partygoers walking home in the wee hours, it is a genuinely terrific idea," said Molly Neinhaus, a senior in hospitality and tourism.

People will appreciate, and utilize such a service.

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The Fake News

The "Fake News" in brief

Rich, spoiled white boys "understand" you

On Nov. 5, many people in the nation will elect new, rich, government officials that claim to know the common man.

"Believe me when I say I know where you're coming from," said Minnesota gubernatorial candidate Rep. Norm Coleman. Coleman, who has recently been earning a $140,000 annual salary, thinks he, more than the other candidates, knows the hardships you face.

This political tactic is apparently being used in roughly 95 percent of all campaigns this year. It appears that Coleman is not the only government official earning well over $100,000 annually that feels for the common man's plight.

Local DJ completely sells out again

On Friday night, local disc jockey Mix Master J, who consistantly rocks the party with the freshest jams you've heard, totally sold out for the eighth time.

"He always plays the coolest stuff," said dance club patron Josh Fitch. "But every once in a while, a cute girl will go up there and convince him to play that song from the movie 'Grease.'"

Critics of J have cited other instances where he has played such dubious songs as Petey Pablo's "Raise Up," Madonna's "Like a Virgin," and Van Morrison's "Brown Eyed Girl."

"Hey, I play what the people want," said J. "It isn't my fault if people have some of the worst taste in music. At least I'm not playing Michelle Branch or that Avril Lavigne; they really suck."

Reasons that J has given for his poor music selections range from birthdays and inside jokes to numerous wedding parties.

Students momentarily think they defeated the "Fake News"

It was revealed Thursday that up until right now, many students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout previously thought their campaign against *The Stoutonia's* Fake News section was successful.

"Man, I thought all those negative letters had totally worked," said Jennifer Perseus. "I thought they would have been smart enough to give up on that stupid thing. Guess not."

The reason for the premature celebration was linked to the fact that there was no Fake News in the Oct. 24 edition of *The Stoutonia*. The reason was in fact due to lack of room.

Home-schooled college student surprisingly maladjusted

In a shocking revelation Friday, it was learned that University of Wisconsin-Stout freshman and home-schooled student Jonah Mislap is severely lacking most social skills.

"He has no idea how to interact with a variety of classmates," said counselor Bob Jacobs. "He mostly just sits in his room and talks to his mother on the phone."

Mislap's total lack of social awareness, something that is generally gained by healthy interaction with peers, has completely befuddled researchers.

"I just don't understand it," said prominent behavioral scientist Dr. Hans Freed. "It's like he has never even seen another person in his peer group. I don't know why this could have happened to him."

It appears that Mislap will take even longer to adjust to the college life style than the average person his age. His particular maladjustment will also hinder him from enjoying the basic aspects of college.

"We can forget about this young man ever having a relationship with the opposite sex," said Dr. Freed. "The extent of his neurosis is such that even talking to a female would spark in him an anxiety attack."

University officials have stated that other home-schooled students should not enroll.

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in keeping warm is to not let the cold air into your home.

You can do this by putting plastic on your windows and caulking all the cracks in doorways and windows. Be sure to ask your landlord before you break out the caulking gun.

Mike Mouledoux and his wife run Mardi Gras Investments; they have eleven houses available to students. Recently, they have put in brand new windows in most of their houses, and plan to finish all of their properties by next year. Mouledoux also checks and callibrates all thermostats every year to make sure that all are working properly.

"I'm a firm believer in making things nice," Mouledoux said. "These are students' homes."

Especially in older houses, check out the insulation situation in your attic. Bats, squirrels and other rodents living up there break holes in the insulation. Chances are it could use another layer or two.

The third thing you should do is maintenance. It is important to make sure that everything is working correctly. Clean your furnace filters; a dirty filter will block warm air coming out, causing the furnace to work harder and you to spend more money.

"We continually do preventative maintenence on the houses," Jay Williamson, a leasing agent of Southside Property Management said.

Check your vents and make sure there isn't something blocking the warm air from specific rooms.

If you have an electric thermostat, you should know if it requires batteries. If so, put new ones in it so that they don't run out in the middle of the winter.

"Our thermostat is terrible!" Brady Hurtgen, a sophomore in applied science said. "I mess with it every morning because it is freezing in our house."

Besides trying to keep the cold air out and the hot air in, there are other ways to save money.

The hot water you use in the shower has to be heated; that's why you should consider taking more baths. You will pay less when you use less heat to warm up the water.

Disconnecting your hoses and turning off outside water sources is another good idea. Major problems can arrise if sitting water freezes in the pipes.

You might also consider investing in a humidifier. Dry air in your home will make the temperature feel cold, but if you can add moisture to the air, it will feel warmer. These are easy to find at Wal-mart or Kmart and usually cost around $35.

"If you are in an old house , you are going to be stuck with a large heating bill," Brad Hesch, a senior in telecommunications said. "These old houses are terrible on heat no matter what."

While all of these winterizing tips can be useful, there are some dangers that you should be on the lookout for. Making your home too airtight can cause harmful allergens, such as pollen, dust and smoke, to become trapped in your living space.

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The secret to a great scare



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

A crack of lightning over a full moon with a backdrop of spindley trees completes the setting of the perfect horror scene. A lonely woman walks through a cemetary, scared for her life by what may lurk behind each and every tombstone.

If you found the preceding description frightening, you fit one of two categories. Either you are a four year-old, or you are one of those people who finds your own shadow a little uneasy.

This isn't to say it is a bad thing that you become scared; it's just unusual.

As time has progressed, the average person's tolerance to withstand frightening situations also increases due to the human experiences people have.

With this said, it is understandable why it has become increasingly difficult to really find a good horror movie--not just a movie that startles you, but one of those movies that causes your date to bury their head in your arm for protection.

Since the beginning of the cinematographic era, the horror genre has been one of the single most important.

The first truly revolutionary horror movie came with "Nosferatu," a film based on Bram Stoker's "Dracula." This film was the first of its kind to truly scare the audience and hold them in a fear so intense that many were afraid to even leave the theater.

By today's standards though, "Nosferatu" seems like a shell of it's former self. While it has not lost any of the cinematography that made it great originally, it has quickly been passed up in a battle of special effects.



Courtesy of: www.horrordvdtalk.com

The violent shower scene is the most well-known segment of "Psycho," the 1970s horror movie classic by Alfred Hitchcock.



Courtesy of: www.catalinapictures.com

The "Freddy Krueger" series is an example of the makeup and costumes used in horror films of the 1980s.

Up to the late 1970s, horror movies relied heavily on plot and psychological fear, as evident in movies such as "Psycho" and the original "Cape Fear."

As time progressed though, horror became a battle of producing frightening images that looked so real that you had no choice but to consider their reality.

In the 1980's, the latex mask wearing villians Freddy Krueger, Jason Vorhees and Michael Myers led the pack of horror films as plot gave way to a forced reality.

As the sequels began to follow the great originals of "Friday the 13th," "A Nightmare on Elm Street" and "Halloween," the plots quickly become more and more convoluted. It almost seems as though the writers of these movies were running out of ways to kill people off. I remember one scene in particular when Freddy

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Amanda Dobbratz
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Bubble tea is a kind of tea latte made with special fruit flavors and black tapioca pearls, hence giving the tea its name. It is served with an extra fat straw to aid in the ritual slurping of the tapioca balls.

A trend that is picking up speed in metropolitan areas such as New York, Toronto, Seattle and San Francisco, bubble tea is now available in the Menomonie.

"Give it a chance," said Darrin Witucki, the events coordinator for university centers. "I've had two of the four flavors and plan on trying them all."

The Heritage Café began serving the exotic drink on Monday, Oct. 28 and will feature four taste bud-teasing flavors: green tea, mango, Thai tea and plum.

"We wanted something more distinct for the Café," says Dani Tuschl, the catering lead, "something different."

It is indeed different. The contrast of the beautiful pastel colors of the beverage and the black of the tapioca pearls is certainly a treat for the eye, while the complex array of flavors will satisfy the palate.

"A lot of people were disturbed by the black tapioca balls," Witucki said. "They can ask to not have them put in."

So, how are people responding to the new tea sensation?

"So far we've had a lot of people ask about bubble tea," says Tuschl. "People are a little afraid to try [it]."

Tuschl recommends the mango and plum flavors and says that people have been more responsive to the blended rather than shaken version.

"The mango really surprised me," Witucki said. "It had a creamy smoothiness to it."

If the Twin Cities market has any affect on the University of Wisconsin-Stout community, we will soon be guzzling tapioca.

Bubble tea is popping up all over the Minneapolis/St. Paul area, and some shops feature as many as 31 of the notorious flavors.



Courtesy of: www.nussu.nus.edu.sg

Bubble tea is the new trend sweeping the nation. It is available at teahouses on the coasts and now in the Heritage Cafe.

Perhaps within the next few years, teahouses will replace coffee houses as the popular hangout for trendy youth, and espresso lattés will be the novelty.

The Heritage Café is offering new services as well as new products. On Thursday nights, in conjunction with the Blue Devil Lounge, the café provides tableside service of pizza from the Terrace.

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Courtesy of: www.hollywood.com

One of the crazy pranks Johnny Knoxville and his associates pull in "Jackass" is bringing blowhorns to a golf course. Some of the players, however, failed to see the humor.

Jacked up



MOVIEREVIEW

Kim Hauschildt

Remember back to when you were little and your mom said, 'It's always funny until someone gets hurt.' Apparently, Johnny Knoxville's mom forgot to mention that rule.

This weekend marked the unveiling of the movie "Jackass." An extension of the MTV hit series, it provides new and improved daredevil, life risking, hilarious and downright painful scenes.

All the regular people from the hit series are present, including the show's alleged host, Johnny Knoxville, and fellow cast members Steve-o and Weeman, among others. One character, Bam Margera, has the most understanding parents in the world; the kinds of pranks they will put up with are unbelievable. Special guest stars also appear to help the team execute their outrageous stunts.

Stupidity is the major theme in this film. Some of the stunts featured include a toy car in the butt X-ray, bottle rocket rollerblades, a golf cart derby and a pee-soaked snow cone that someone actually ate. Warm, might I add.

Scenes of people getting stitches or bandaging up deep wounds were extremely prevalent, and the characters took numerous, random shots to the groin area throughout the entire movie.

Perhaps the most hysterical recurring element was the phantom electric razor. It attacked the unaware every chance it got by sneaking up from behind, leaving victims with bald spots on their head.

Somewhere in our deep, evil depths of humor, we laugh hysterically at these zany acts. Certainly, it's a no-brainer and definitely not an academy award kind of film. Still, I found myself laughing hysterically and crying my eyes out, while the same emotion floated around the rest of the packed theater.

I suggest this movie to anyone having a bad day or needing a lift. It's a movie for friends to see together or one to ease the tension on a first date.

A word of warning to those of you with a weak stomach: wait it out until you can watch it when you have easy access to a bathroom.



"Jackass"
starring Johnny Knoxville
Kim says: *"Hysterically painful."*
How it rates:

★★★★½

Scary movies / Sequels lose effect, gain writing talent

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Krueger entered into a comic book and killed someone within the pages. How scary.

And it only got worse from there.

This half horror, half comedy concept went on and paved the way for films such as "Child's Play" and the even more ridiculous "Leprechaun" series. If you ever want to laugh hysterically at a horror movie, I recommend the latest in Leprechaun series, "Leprechaun in the Hood." I wish I was kidding. Look for it next chance you get. It will make your night, I promise.

This isn't too say all is lost in the horror genre. There were still some low budget horror films that can give that great sensation of fear.

If you miss being a little worried when you turn the lights out, try any movie that claims to be based on a true story. This connection with reality helps to make for a more believable experience and challenges your "it can never happen to me" excuse as you settle in for sleep.

Some greats in this category would include "The House on Haunted Hill," "The Amityville Horror" and the "Exorcist." While none may be all that blatant in an attempts to scare, it is rather unnerving knowing that at least some of the story is true.

There is certainly hope for the future of horror as well. With a return to excellent story telling, Hollywood seems to have finally realized that horror is more than just a scary face.

"What Lies Beneath" is a great example of a horror movie with out a blatant body count or super-villian. What makes it great is the twisting plot and the overall disorienting path the story takes you on.

A current success story is found in "The Ring" which has garnered a large protion of the box office the past few weeks. It continues to scare the pants off America with its psychological warping story line.

If these trends continue into the future, it is quite possible that the world of horror may become a place where writing can once again flourish and keep the boogey man safe at bay in some kid's closet.



Courtesy of: people.aol.com

"What Lies Beneath" is a scary movie that uses a twisting plot to disorient the audience, instead of the usual blood and guts.

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Halloween happenings at home

Bill Denney
The Stoutonia

With Halloween festivities quickly approaching, students are beginning to make plans for the big night.

"I'm gonna have fun, and I'm gonna get wasted!" exclaimed Jacob Scott, a freshman majoring in manufacturing engineering.

Others won't be having such an eventful night.

"I unfortunately have to take my brother trick-or-treating," said Matt Skwierczynski, a sophomore in multimedia design.

Students have the obvious choice of partying hard, drinking fast, rubbing up on one another and then waking up the next morning, still in their costumes.

Trick-or-treating also has been a favorite activity of college students who are bored and have nothing to do. An option some students fail to recognize is the thought of having a quiet night at home.

Halloween is not only a time for costumes and candy, but a time for great television specials.

TV stations go the extra mile to air the absolute best they have to offer for entertainment on this special night. One show that has continuously cranked out unforgettable Halloween specials is "The Simpsons."

This year will be no exception.

Entering its thirteenth season, "The Simpsons" has once again chosen to give us a show involving the infamous family in three mini-sketches. The special is entitled "Treehouse of Horror XIII."

"It looks awesome and they get better every year," said Justin Bodus, a freshman in construction and die-hard "Simpsons" fan.

The first of these sketches involves Homer cloning himself in order to help out with his chores.

Second in line is a parody of the novel and film "The Island of Dr. Moreau," entitled The Island of Dr. Hibbert on the show.

The final segment shows old western outlaws rising from the dead and terrorizing Springfield. This is a must-see for any and all "Simpsons" fans. The episode airs Nov. 3, yes, after Halloween; at 7 p.m. on FOX.

ABC Family has been running its "13 Nights of Halloween" special since Oct. 19. It airs various spooky shows and visits the so-called scariest places on earth. "13 Nights" reaches its peak on Halloween at 9 p.m. with "Criss Angel: Mindfreak."

Criss Angel, a magician, will take you on a journey through mind, body and spirit with his distinctive, theatrical magic and homage to Harry Houdini.

Angel was recently named Magician of the Year for 2001; his show is both mind-boggling and entertaining.



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Magician, Criss Angel, is the highlight of ABC Family's special "13 Nights of Halloween." The show airs Halloween night at 9 p.m.

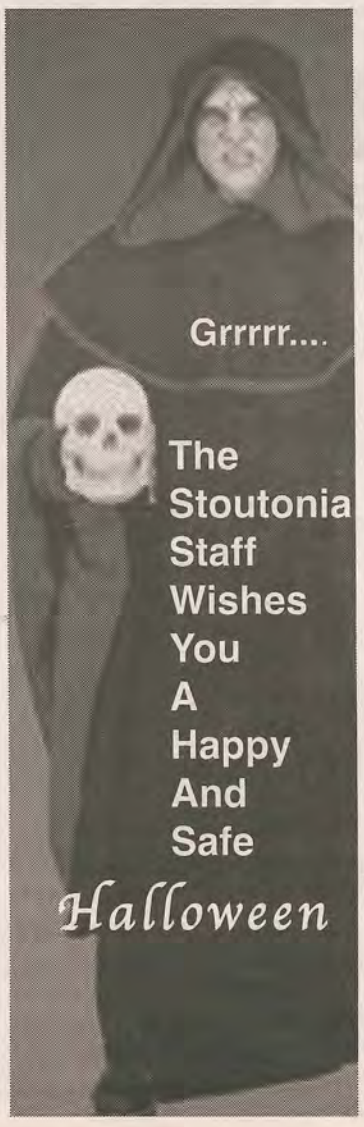
Another show that has gained popularity over the past few seasons is "Will and Grace." Tune in on Halloween to watch Grace go on a long, dark bike ride with her new man, Leo, guest star Harry Connick Jr. Will brings along his new friend as well, played by Hollywood hunk Jason Marsden. Who knows what will come of this.

So with all the beer, candy and costumes surrounding the night of Oct. 31, don't forget that sometimes a quiet night at home isn't as bad as it may sound.

So when planning your Halloween this year, don't count out the possibility of kicking back, cracking open a cold beverage and enjoying some of the greatest television of the year.

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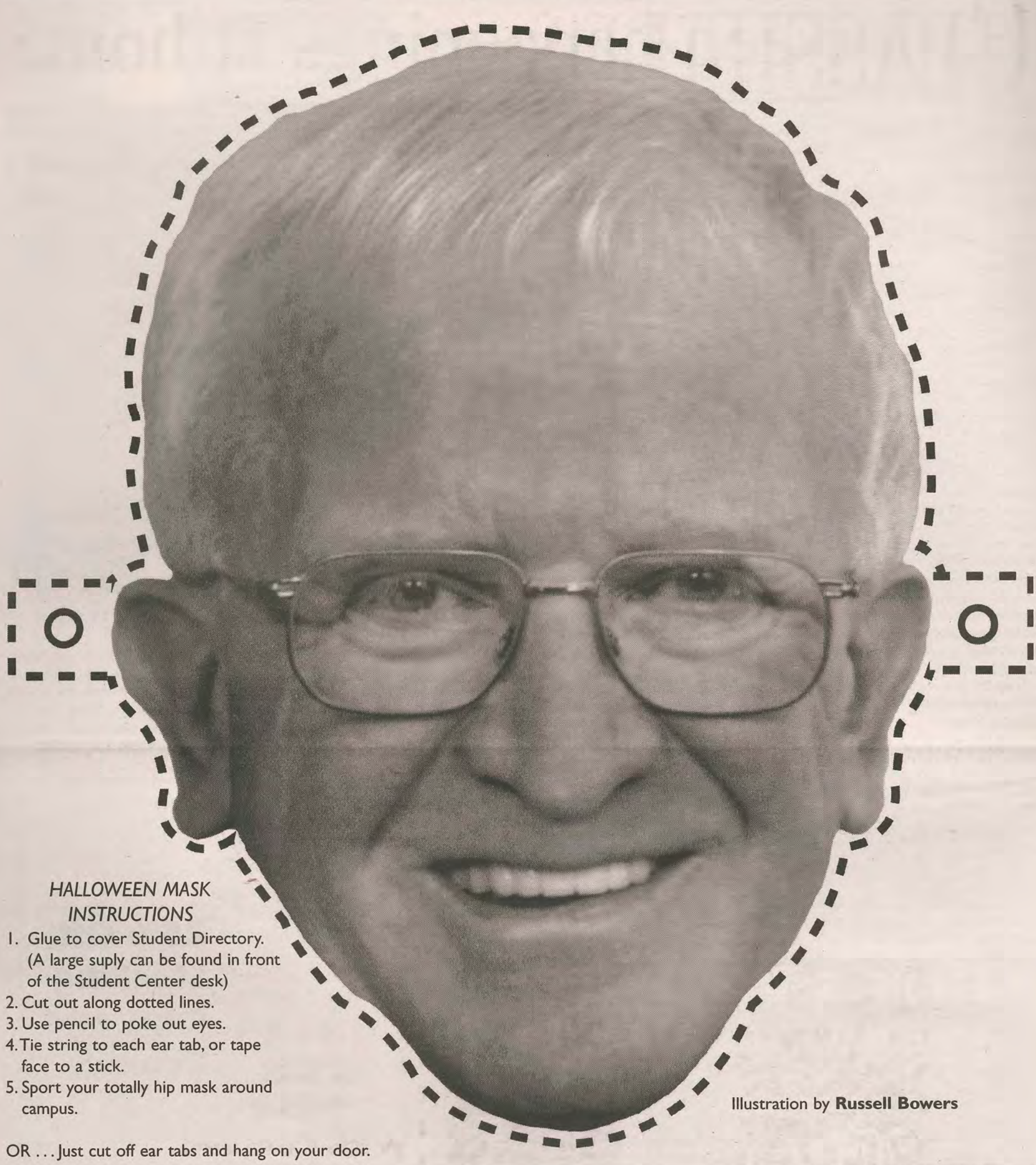


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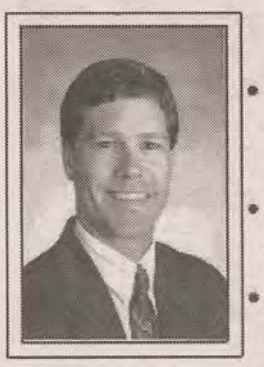
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Snacking in college is tough



FITLIVING

Ann Syrstad

Chances are, you are snacking right now. According to an American Snack Food Association survey, 85 percent of college students report that they munch too much. But what are people actually snacking on?

Survey Says

According to an American Snack Food Association survey, the five groups break down like this:

* 25 percent popcorn
* 25 percent pretzels
* 17 percent potato chips
* 14 percent tortilla chips
* 9 percent cheese puffs

If my math is right, the survey leaves 10 percent unaccounted for - I hope it is filled with oranges, broccoli or yogurt, but I doubt it!

For Americans, specifically college students, snacking is a way of life. We love to snack, and we do it more than any other nation.

According to the American Dietetic Association, Americans spend more than $13.4 billion annually on snacks compared to Europe's $640 million. Per person, we eat 23 pounds of snacks each year, which is more than twice as much as the Netherlands' 11 pounds and almost 10 times more than Italy's 2.5 pounds.

This may be somewhat due to the fact that people skip so many meals. A National Association of College and University Food Services survey shows that 28 percent of people report skipping meals "very often."

But do not feel guilty! Smart snacking just may be the best way to eat. A study done at Boston's Tufts University found that those students who had an afternoon snack scored higher on memory and concentration tests than those who only had a diet soda. Other studies show that frequent snacks can also help maintain blood-insulin levels, thus avoiding the rise and fall in energy levels.

Snacking will not make you fat -- only too many calories will do that. In fact, snacks offer an advantage for dieters or those with busy class schedules. A 100 to 200 calorie snack eaten two to three hours before a meal can help you to manage your hunger and keep you from overeating.

The challenge is to choose the best snacks. Follow these tips to make sure your snack foods are "smart" choices:

1. When you eat is not as important as what or how much.

2. Do not think of snacks as extras. Make them a part of your daily food plan.

3. View snacks as small meals, or as mini parts of a nutritious meal spread out over the day. Have snacks fill in the voids that are left by what you did not eat, or will not be eating at your meals.

4. Plan snacks ahead of time to avoid grabbing the first thing you see, whether you want it or not. Pack a small bag of snacks before your first class of the day, this way you can regulate how much you eat.

5. Limit the greasy potato chips. It is not necessary to give them up entirely, just be sure they fit into your day's limit of calories and fat.

6. Balance your snacks and meals. For example, an afternoon snack of a banana from the fruit and vegetable group and some wheat crackers from the grain group count towards your daily quota of fruits and grains.

7. Beware of low-fat labels. Even these snacks may cause you to gain weight if you overdo it. Low-fat foods may lack the fat, but make up for it in calorie and sugar content.

8. Snack only when you are hungry, not when you may be bored or anxious.

9. Pay attention to your snacking to avoid overdoing it. Instead of eating a whole tub of ice cream while on the phone, wait until you are through; you will pay more attention to what is going on, and, not eat as much (hopefully not the entire tub)!

10. Be prepared for snacks. Stash some whole-grain crackers and a juice box in your backpack or keep a small package of fig bars in your car. Fill the fridge with a lot of fresh fruits, vegetables, bread and grain cereals. You'll be forced to eat healthy!

11. It is better to eat a snack when you are slightly hungry than to pig out when you are famished.

Now give this smart-snacking a try!

The American Dietetic Association recommends the following foods:

* A cup of low-fat yogurt
* An apple and string cheese
* Half of a bagel with peanut butter
* A bran muffin
* One large pretzel and Orange Juice
* A banana and a juice box
* Graham Crackers
* Carrots
* Raisin Bran with skim milk
* A hard-boiled egg

Basketball teams getting ready to ball

Curt Trnka
The Stoutonia

It is November and the weather is getting colder. This means that fewer students are wearing shorts. But more importantly, it means that the University of Wisconsin-Stout basketball season is almost here.

On Thursday Nov. 7, the men's team will play its first exhibition game at home starting at 7:30. The women's team is the defending Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) champions. They will begin the season Saturday Nov. 23 at the Millikin Tournament in Decatur, Ill.

The Blue Devils coaches held a basketball clinic on Saturday, Oct. 12. Almost 200 coaches poured into the Johnson Fieldhouse to listen to the third straight year of the Blue Devil Clinic.

Speaking at the event were Lisa Stone of Drake University; Mark Thomas, UW-Stout's head women's basketball coach; and Eddie Andrist, UW-Stout's head men's basketball coach. Former UW-Stout Blue Devils and students helped with demonstrations.

This season, the Blue Devils are offering the chance to join the Backcourt Club. Game passes, UW-Stout athletic gear, T-shirts-polos, game program recognition, team highlight videos and jackets are available by joining the Blue Devil Backcourt Club.

Students can help build UW-Stout's basketball programs into some of the best in the country by joining. Contact the basketball office for more information: 232-1162 or 232-2281.

According to Andrist, the Blue Devils will be playing on a new surface this season; it will be installed soon.

The state has granted permission for the Johnson Fieldhouse to dispose of the 1962 wood-on-concrete floor and get a new wood-floating floor. Paperwork is presently underway, and specifications are forthcoming. The project will begin sometime next spring or summer.

Last season, the Lady Blue Devils were 23-5 overall and an uncanny 15-1 in the conference. Their only conference loss was against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh, who they will play on Jan. 6 in Oshkosh.

The men's team finished the season at 12-13 overall and 7-9 in the WIAC. They finished the season by ripping the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater Warhawks on their own court, 90-49, in the most lopsided conference playoff game ever.

Using that win as fuel, the team feels it can compete with anyone this year.



courtesy of, Sports Information

Forward Sara Kahl drives past a defender. This season, the Lady Devils will be defending their conference title.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Justin Huth



The Facts:
Freshman
Forward
Shakopee, Minn.
Service Management

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Huth scored two-minutes, 26-seconds into overtime to lift the Blue Devils (2-0) to a 3-2 win over Lawrence University (0-2), Saturday, Oct. 26 at the Dunn County Ice Arena. In Friday's game against Lawrence, Huth had two goals and an assist to highlight the evening.

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Hockey season starts with wins

Joe Pollock
The Stoutonia

In fine fashion, the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's hockey team 2-0, trounced Lawrence University 7-1 last Friday in the season and home opener.

It did not take long for the Blue Devils to get into the swing of things. Freshman Mike Elm from Falcon Heights, Minn. put in the first goal just 37 seconds into the game, which was a blowout from the beginning.

The Blue Devils gave the fans a solid, all-around team effort with several players recording points. Leading the offensive attack was freshman Justin Huth from Shakopee, Minn., sliding in two goals and an assist.

The unselfish nature of the team showed on Friday as the team recorded 10 assists. Dan Winkler, a junior, led the team with three assists, and Drew Nichols, a senior, also had two helpers in the victory.

The Blue Devils and Lawrence mixed it up again the following night. In contrast to the previous evening when the Blue Devils scored early, Lawrence took advantage just a minute twenty-five into the game.

UW-Stout responded quickly with two goals, pounding the net hard with 23 shots on goal in the first period. The last shot, off the stick of junior Lewie Kellin from Cohasset, Minn., resulted in a goal with just five seconds left, giving the Blue Devils a 2-1 lead.

The game looked like a stalemate during the second and third periods. The only goal coming from Lawrence, midway throughout the second period.

With both teams having a high number of shots on goal, the score could have been quite high. However, Blue Devil goalie Jeff Dotson, a junior from Chanhassen, Minn. and Lawrence tender Daniel Ljung were on their game, and the game went into overtime knotted at 2-2.

Regulation ended with UW-Stout having 43 shots on goal and Lawrence with 35, but all hockey fans know that those stats don't mean much in overtime. In the sudden death period, it just takes one for the win.

Both teams got a shot at the net early, but the extra period did not last long. Justin Huth came through again, scoring at the 2:37 mark to finish a thrilling game at the luxurious Dunn County Ice Arena.

The Blue Devils hockey team will be in action on the road against nationally ranked University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point on Friday, Nov.1 at 7:30 p.m., and the following evening at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire at 7 p.m.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

After a 7-1 blowout, the Blue Devils raise sticks and celebrate a win over Lawrence University.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

The hockey team's season-opening weekend was highlighted by the play of freshman forward Justin Huth, who scored three goals in the two games.

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Stout teams start playoff push

Joe Pollock
The Stoutonia

Things are getting interesting in for the University of Wisconsin-Stout football team, 6-1, 3-1. After dismantling the University of Wisconsin–River Falls 21-7 last Saturday, the Blue Devils move into a five way tie for first place in the conference.

It will be a crucial push to the post-season, as the Blue Devils will play three of the four other teams in the first place deadlock to finish the regular season.

University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point is first on the list for the Blue Devils. The teams will do battle here at Don and Nona Williams Stadium on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 1 p.m.

The Blue Devils will then travel to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater on Nov. 9. They will finish the regular season at home the following week against the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Eagles.

The volleyball team, 25-5, rides a five-game winning streak into the UW-River Falls Invitational tournament this weekend.

Most recently, the Blue Devils swept matches against Carleton College and Gustavus in a round-robin tournament at Gustavus Adolphus College on Saturday, Oct. 26.

This will be the last tournament before the conference playoffs begin on Nov. 5. The Blue Devils will play the UW–La Crosse Eagles in the quarterfinal round.

The women's soccer team, 6-4-5, won with some late-game heroics last Saturday, and defeated Edgewood College 2-0 in Madison.

The Blue Devils scored all of the teams points in the final eight minutes of the game. The game winner came in the 82nd minute from captain Nellie Sivertsen, a senior from River Falls, Wis.

In a very defensive minded game, UW-Stout's goaltender, Melissa Ballweg, a sophomore from Merrimac, Wis. needed only one save to complete her fifth complete shutout of the season.

The Blue Devils will close out the regular and conference season when they travel to the University of Wisconsin-Superior on Thursday, Oct. 31.

UW-Stout will then begin conference tournament play on Nov. 5. Against either the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh or the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. The outcome of the game versus UW-Superior, and the result of UW-La Crosse's final game as well.

Cross Country finished off the regular season last Friday in Lake Wissota.

For the women, Lisa Sorvala, a junior from New Brighton, Minn. led the way for the Blue Devils with a 13th place finish. Senior Heidi Bedsted from Plainview, Minn. finished just behind Sorvala at 16th.

On the men's side, Ryan Chernik, a sophomore from Pewaukee, Wis. placed second, leading all UW-Stout racers.

The conference championships will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2 at 11 a.m. at the University of Wisconsin-Platteville.





Photos by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Left: Trying to break away, Seth Mattison stuffs a Concordia-Moorhead player during the Homecoming game.
Top: Heidi Bedsted helps to motivate the team before the Midwest Challenge in early October.

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Volleyball team digging in

Jessica Vergowe
The Stoutonia

The University of Wisconsin–Stout's women's volleyball team started this season out as a feel out period for players and coaches.

"We had a very new team as five seniors, all starters, graduated from last year's team," said assistant head coach John Haggard.

With only one returning senior, Tami Marinek, the team was helped by three transfers. Tanille Zenner, one of the transfer players, is ranked as one of the top five defensive blockers in the conference, and also leads the conference with her hitting percentage.

"The team is really meshing together and has finally gotten a personalit,"said Haggard. "Right now the girls are really feeding off one another. Everyone is familiar with their role now and our record shows it."

The Blue Devils started the season strong at 10-0, the the best in UW-Stout history. After defeating the University of Wisconsin-River Falls on Oct. 23, UW-Stout holds a 25-5 overall record, placing them 19th in the nation.

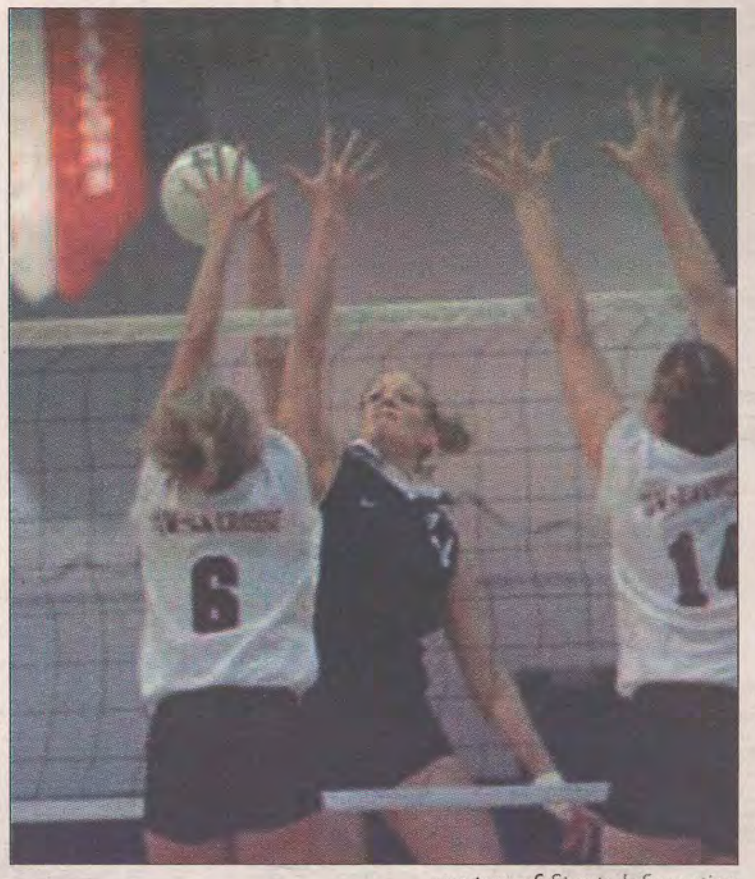
The University of Wisconsin-Whitewater and UW-River Falls now share the 2002 WIAC co-champion spot with a 7-1-conference record. UW-Stout falls just behind at 6-2. This coming weekend, the Blue Devils will have a good shot at going 4-0 in the River Falls Trick or Treat Tournament.

"We are all excited for the playoffs to begin and are very optimistic," Erin Krempel, a sophomore team member said. "Having the home court advantage will be a great way to start off. Everyone is charged up."

On Nov. 5 at 7 p.m., the Blue Devils take the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, who is sixth in the conference. So far this season, UW-Stout has a 3-1 record against the Eagles, and will have home court advantage in Johnson Field House that night.

"We need to do well in the next week and a half, and if that happens, we still have a shot at the NCAA Tournament," Jill Jolliff, head coach of women's volleyball said. "We have suffered through injuries all season, and right now we are about as healthy as we have been all year. We need to stay hot, and I think we can."

If UW-Stout defeats UW-La Crosse, they will travel to UW-River Falls Nov. 8 and 9 for the WIAC Final Four Tournaments.



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This season the Blue Devils Volleyball team is having one of the best seasons in school history.



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Atmosphere makes its fifth appearance at UW-Stout on Nov. 16 in the Great Hall.

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student life

This week, Internation students celebrate their native country by hosting events to teach other students their culture.

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Busted STUFF



by Russell Bowers, The Stoutonia

Pictued is a billboard located near Harvey Hall, which was recently vandalized. According to campus police, vadalism incidents like this are down 33 percent from last year.

David Zill
The Stoutonia

Despite the damage that occurred on Oct. 20, 2002 when 14 cars had their tires slashed, the University of Wisconsin-Stout vandalism rate is down compared to last year.

"It seems like I have heard a lot more about stuff being wrecked on campus," said junior psychology major Jackie Harriser. I thought the problem had gotten worse."

On the contrary, Corey Hein, a detective for UW-Stout Police said, "I look at all the reports that come in the morning and I would say vandalism has probably been the same as always, if not less."

Hein is right.

According to UW-Stout police crime reports, vandalism is down 33 percent from last year's total of 105 incidents. With two months left to finish out the year, Hein anticipates the rate to stay lower than last year.

Hein said what he typically sees throughout the year is "damage to vehicles, side mirrors kicked in, scratched cars, damage to trees and shrubs and occasionally tipped garbage cans with trash strewn about."

Hein also said there are certain times when vandalism is more prevalent.

"I assume that it is done by people coming back from the bars or house parties; we find a lot more of this stuff happens on weekends," he said.

"Apprehending vandals isn't easy," he said. "They're hard to catch, unless they are caught in the act or they confess."

Hein mentioned that he did not think anyone was apprehended yet from the Oct. 20 tire slashings. Menomonie Police were unavailable to confirm this.

Those who are caught destroying or defacing property could meet stiff fines. Vandalism can be charged many ways, including criminal damage to property, which is a class A misdemeanor.

New offerings



ANTH-240
Hmong Studies and Contemporary Life
3 credits
Tuesday/Thursday
3:35 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Stephen Vang

ENGL-330
Feature Writing
3 credits
Tuesday/Thursday
4:10 p.m.-5:35 p.m.
Kim Voss

New undergraduate courses offered for spring 2003

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

University of Wisconsin-Stout students now have two more opportunities for spring 2003 registration.

First, the anthropology department will be offering a new course titled Hmong studies and contemporary life.

It will be a three-credit course that will count as an ethnic studies A-level course and a global perspectives course. There are no prerequisites needed to enroll in the course.

"The influx of Hmong immigrants into the U.S. after the Vietnam War ended in 1975 has resulted in many misunderstandings between the Hmong and other residents of the U.S.," said Stephen Vang, assistant director of multicultural student services.

Vang is also a Hmong language and studies lecturer, and will teach the new course.

"This course will provide in-depth knowledge of Hmong history, culture and contemporary life, which should further cultural understanding of the Hmong and discourage prejudice and racism," said Vang.

The second new course offered is open to all students, but is a specific requirement for the English department's journalism minor.

The course called feature writing is actually a resurrected course that has returned because the English department now has a journalism professor and can take more steps towards making the minor more professional. Feature stories are articles that usually have both human interest and informational value.

The prerequisite for the course is another English course titled writing for the media.

"This course will afford students more opportunity than is available in the present minor to develop their journalism writing skills and to apply the minor specifically to their programs," said Pat McManamy, an advisor for English minors.

Students outside the journalism minor might also take an interest in this course.

"Students planning to go into the travel and food industries, for example, may be interested in feature writing with an eye to writing for trade journals and industry newsletters," said English department chair Susan Thurin.

One other change to the spring 2003 course offering list reflects a program name change. The vocational, technical and adult education program (VTAE) has changed its name to career, technical education and training (CTE), so the course listings from this department will now appear as CTE-XXX instead of VTAE-XXX.

NEWS

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 60° Low 43° Cloudy	High 57° Low 31° Cloudy	High 46° Low 32° Rain and Snow

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Ride along: a night with Menomonie's finest

Aleshia Brouwer
The Stoutonia

Editor's note: this is an account of a news writer who recently rode along for an evening with a Menomonie police officer.



by Russell Bowers, The Stoutonia

Cruising on a Thursday night with Menomonie's police included incidents ranging from busting a house party to finding a lost kitten.

Sitting in the dark, silent, flashing lights can be seen. Red and blue. Red and blue. Straight ahead through the windshield is a Minnesota license plate attached to an old Nissan: 063 NBU.

The smell of exhaust fumes are dominant; one must wonder how it got to this point.

A man clothed from head to toe in uniform enters the vehicle from the driver's side door. Finally, the once speeding, stop-sign-avoiding, smelly Nissan drives away. Now, the squad car is once again moving along the street.

Being a police officer for the city of Menomonie involves everything from house parties to lost cats — just as Officer Chad Mroczenski encountered one night in late October.

This young officer has been part of the Menomonie police department for almost six months.

So what has led up to this moment of sitting behind the Nissan Stanza?

As the night began back at the police station, he pulled out a 50-pound bag from the passenger's seat filled with paperwork, — reports he had written about drunk drivers, car accidents, etc. Then, he drove into the heart of town.

After reminding house residents of an ordinance violation and pulling over a Ford truck missing a headlight, a phone call was received at the station.

Someone had called in about a suspicious gray jeep that had appeared to be casing vehicles in the parking lot of the Galloway Creek Apartments. Mroczenski raced over in hopes of seeing the vehicle.

Hitting the brakes quickly, hitting the gas quickly and pulling around near parking lots didn't pay off though; nothing was found.

This leads up to the Nissan Stanza incident, which is thankfully over with. So, now the car cruises up and down the streets of Menomonie. Every few minutes or so, it is right next to a group of 15 walking college kids. Where could they all be going?

The police cars communicate to one another as to where each one sees large groups of people.

"It's pretty obvious when you see a group of 15 to 20 people walking into a house," said Mroczenski.

And so, the driving persists. Up and down, turning on the bright head-lights, and turning off the brights.

Next, he receives a call about a stray cat. It's almost 9 p.m. as Mroczenski finally finds the right house amongst all of the curvy streets. A woman appears next to the garage and tells all about where her family found him as she places him into the cage. Then Mroczenski drops him off at the Humane Society.

Next, he meets another officer near a house party.

Parking the car on the street, Mroczenski gets out. Walking up commando-style to the house at 1421 9th St., one officer knocks on the back door while Mroczenski stands at the front.

No answer.

Several people are clearly visible in the living room; he tries again. After knocking again and again, no acknowledgement is made. Both officers stand at the doors, waiting for a warrant.

Just standing and waiting.

Sometimes it takes an hour for a warrant to be issued, and it's a little bit cold outside. Finally, someone steps outside. At this point, Mroczenski comes around back to the commotion.

There are now four police officers, two young men who live there and one angry landlord by the back door. One large argument is under way.

As Officer Brian Swantz was asking questions, the common reply from the short young man living there was "I don't know."

"Do you think I'm stupid?" the officer asked.

Then the landlord grew upset and began yelling about the excessive parties on his land.

Negotiations and arguments pursued as prior events unfolded.

"While we were watching, about 150 people poured out of the house," Kass said.

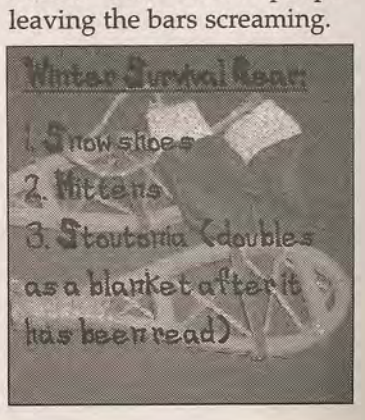
Five of those underage people later admitted to police that they had purchased alcohol there. This gave police enough reason to receive a warrant for the house.

Technically, each resident of the house could receive substantial fines. Each resident of the hosting house, whether at home or not, could be fined separately for each underage drinker that attended. The officer estimated that each resident of the house could be fined up to $160,000.

"We don't do that," said Kass. "It's a little over the top."

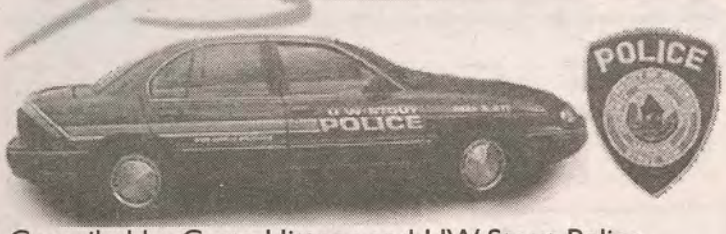
Finally, boredom sets in at this house; once things are under control, Mroczenski leaves the scene. He leaves the other two officers to tie things up.

The evening closes out with fender benders, parking tickets and drunk people leaving the bars screaming.



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Police Beat



Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Do you like scary movies?

A staff member reported on Oct. 29 that she received a threatening message on her office answering machine in the vocational rehabilitation building. The caller left a message saying he was going to kick her ass. The staff member thought the call sounded like a prank, but was told she would need to contact the police if similar calls were received.

Credit card fraud

On Oct. 29, a student reported that her room had been broken into in Hovlid Hall. She and her roommate locked the door and left for two hours. When they returned, the door was open and the student found her Visa check card missing. Between the time the card was missing and the time the student canceled the card, an unknown suspect had purchased $175 worth of items online. No transaction information on the purchases could be found.

Not a Halloween treat

The Menomonie Fire Department was dispatched to Wigen Hall on Oct. 31 for an active fire alarm. A smoke machine on the first floor was determined to have set off the alarm. The smoke machine was part of the decorations for the community trick-or-treating on North Campus. Officers searched the other halls on North Campus and found an excess of serious safety violations which included: paper and plastic taped all long the walls, flammable materials over light fixtures and debris obstructing the already darken hallways.

The pumpkin must be moldy

On Nov. 5, an unknown person was observed throwing flourescent light bulbs out of a first floor window on the south east side of CKTO. Several bulbs were found smashed on the ground. It is unknown where the light bulbs came from or who caused the damage.

2002 election results

Gubernatorial results: the state of Wisconsin

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41.4%

Ed Thompson
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Jim Doyle
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Ty A. Bollerud
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Mike Mangan
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Alan D. Eisenberg
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0.1%

Jim Young
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Gubernatorial results: the state of Minnesota

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36%

Timothy J. Penny
16%

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0%

Kari J. Sachs
0%

Lawrence Michael Aeshliman
0%

winner
Tim Pawlenty
44%

U.S. Senate results: the state of Minnesota

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Norm Coleman
50%
winner

Ray Tricomo
0%

Jim Moore
2%

Miro Drago Kovatchevich
0%



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There are changes in the wind-stop it.

It all started in the fall of 1998; University of Wisconsin-Stout students were issued a new identification card with a magnetic memory strip and a digital photo.

Since then, I have counted at least a dozen minor changes and a few major ones as well.

I'm not going to go into all of them; let's just say that registration, student identifiaction and security, email and other seminal education features are totally different from four years ago.

I would just like to know why? Why have there been so many changes in the past few years?

I'm all for advancement and progress, but I am also a big fan of dependability. I bet we can all agree that these frequent changes have not come off without a hitch.

There seems to be problems every time the student email is updated. There is constant confusion every semester when registration time roles around. How many of you forgot or got confused a about the new password you chose for registration?

Then, there are the big changes. I think the two best examples would be the new StoutOne cards we will get and the laptop initiative, both major changes this year.

First, the laptops. While this is an old subject, you can't tell me there weren't problems when it first launched. Nothing too big, just annoying things that shouldn't have been.

I hope I'm wrong about this, but I can't wait to see the hassle that the StoutOne card brings for us.

My point is this: if it ain't broke, don't fix it. And by fixing it, I mean the attempts to make things easier.

These changes tend to make no sense and just cause problems. Please, consistancy!



The oldest 21 year-old you will ever meet



FAR FROM HOME
Nick Coenen

He gets up from bed at seven a.m.

He listens to National Public Radio on extended car trips home.

He watches CNN for hours at a time, waiting for news to happen.

He's sore for literally a week after strenuous physical activity.

No, "he" is not your grandfather or any other senior citizen. He, is me.

I'm not sure when it happened, but I think I turned the corner and became the oldest 21 year-old in the western hemisphere. You may think I am reacting like a hypochondriac in flu season, but I do have some reasoning.

This is currently my fourth year in college. I should be a senior, but thanks to a transfer and the BCS-like credit transfer system in the University of Wisconsin system, I am a few credits shy of being a "real" senior.

With that much knowledge about how life in college works, you'd think I would know better than to take 8 a.m. classes. Apparently I don't.

This semester I thought I would be okay taking 18 credits, having 8 a.m. classes on Monday through Thursday and still being the editor-in-chief of *The Stoutonia*. Now that we have turned the corner on the midpoint of this semester, I know that I thought way too highly of myself.

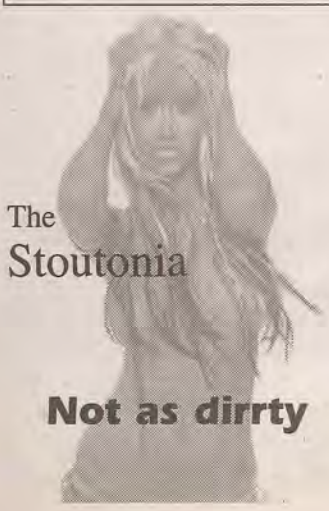
I know that there are some people who can handle 8 a.m. classes like it is no big deal. For some reason though, those classes seem like they are being held at 4 a.m. instead of 8 a.m.

And now, I think this early-bird schedule is taking it's aggression out on the rest of my life as well. I have a hard time staying up past midnight now. I find crossword puzzles interesting. Yes, that's right. I've become an old man.

My roommates like to refer to me as, "Old Man River," one of the most bizarre alteregos anyone could ever have. I don't think I have multiple personalities, but I might. Either that or I'm sleeping in and out of consciousness on a daily basis.

I have slowly tried to combat this "Old Man River Syndrome" or OMRS as those of us suffering from the

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Through the years, I know I've have all had a lot of fun



TEST PATTERN
Matt Tracy, Esq.

Over three years ago, a sophomore by the name of Matt Tracy wrote his first article for the University of Wisconsin-Stout's newspaper, *The Stoutonia.* In that same week, he also submitted his first editorial cartoon.

The following week, letters poured in to the newspaper pointing out perceived inaccuracies in Mr. Tracy's story. While it was all a matter of misunderstanding context, it started a trend.

Now, I am the editor at *The Stoutonia*, no longer the editorial cartoonist and, save for two members of the staff, have been here longer than anyone else.

Why am I telling you this? Well, in those three years, I have come to love the job that I do, regardless of the trials and tribulations that have accompainied it.

I have since received more letters telling me of problems with my stories, some of which border on hate mail. If any of you have been here long enough, you might remember the first incarnation of the Stoutonia Advice Guy.

This annual April Fools piece created quite the stir when I first wrote it. There were those students who even threatened to try to have action taken against *The*

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Letters to the Editor

Nick Coenen bashing

Nick Coenen is a tool. Make him stop writing useless, poorly written articles such as "Is this a real college or just one big bar?" and "Old school sportsmanship". Seriously, it's time for this to stop. I think I speak for most everyone that has ever actually read the Stoutonia. He's giving this school a bad name. That's all.

Michael Hannes

Saftey for winter

I am writing this letter to hopefully prevent an accident from happening on and around campus this year.

As it starts to get darker earlier in the evening the streets become a hazard to pedestrians walking during the evening hours. It is difficult for drivers of vehicles to see pedestrians at night and I just wanted to remind people of that. Being one of those pedestrians for four years now, I just wanted to make people aware of the fact that it's hard for cars to see you at night. To prevent an accident from happening, look before you cross the street. I know this may sound elementary, but once it gets colder and ice forms on the roads it will be even harder for cars to stop for pedestrians. So from one pedestrian to another, be careful and look for vehicles at night to prevent an accident.

Angie Thompson
Senior, Early Childhood Education

StoutOne concerns

Hey Stoutonia folk-

I've noticed that there is going to be quite a change in the student identification card come Jan. '03. Other folks probably don't feel quite the same, and perhaps I'm wrong, but how is this a good thing? The current student ID seems to offer quite a bit of flexibility in the current format, and most folks usually obtain some sort of credit/debit card, while others don't for a multitude of reasons.

I've been seeing half page full color ads in your paper in addition to leaflets around campus promoting "the power of one". Wait, how does a small plastic card with a bunch of numbers and magnetically encoded information pertaining to bank account information give the user more power? Why is it being promoted in such a fashion?

I guess my largest complaint about the new ID is that somebody sold the service to our university. Banking isn't free. Somebody is going to be making money off of the student body yet again. What kind of budget allocation has gone into this? Isn't there something better we could invest in? I'd rather have more strange sculptures then a debit card/student ID, because sculptures get looked at, while debit cards just end up lost somewhere.

Personally, I would like to know who's making money off of my attending college.

-Andrew Golding

Aelectipathy: Who cares?



WILLPOWER
William Christenson

The recent election has gotten me thinking on politics and other issues that I deal with. First of all, I find it hard to believe that so many students, and people in general, have no opinion about politics.

Now, I don't mean to say that I hold the non-voting populous at fault, because I myself neglected to vote in this election. People are just so apathetic about the issues that concern everyone, or even life in general.

I personally think that politics is an important issue, and I think that the least people could do is form an opinion or some kind of political stance.

Many people never take the time to research and think about what is actually going on in our government. For example, I recently saw a bumper sticker on a truck that said something to the effect of: The precious metals of the free world are gold, silver and lead.

To me, this belies a person who does not even stop to consider what is being promoted. I don't think that person realized that in every war, those bullets are being used on real people, not countries, governments or other abstract concepts. These are real people who have families and who die and never come back. I think that this kind of attitude is what lead us to a situation where we have one man deciding to try to conquest another country, for no good reason.

This apathy is not only prevalent in politics, but in other areas of our lives. I see many students around me that are wrapped up in their little college world. They never even stop to realize that they are only a part of the entire world, with almost infinite possibilities.

People, myself included, need to realize when they are getting too wrapped up in their daily lives and too worried over homework, jobs or relationships. They need to realize that there are more important things in life to think about.

We often walk around like zombies, running a daily routine and only thinking within our constricted little bubble, without even realizing it. This is partly because our culture is constantly trying to tell us that we are defined by how much money we make, how many possessions we have and how much makeup we wear. We need to realize that IT DOESN'T MATTER.

This may seem irrelevant to you, but from all of my experiences, I have found nothing rewarding in possessions, money or anything else promoted by our culture. I have found everything rewarding by doing things for myself and for other people.

Becoming conscious of the environment, the media and myself has been one of the most empowering experiences I have ever had.

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Stoutonia for the piece.

I have made my share of people mad. I also think I have made my share of people laugh, think and feel different in some way.

A few weeks ago, I wrote an article that was nothing more than a bunch of ramblings about one subject or another. One of the topics was about the ramifications of getting Asian symbols tatooed on yourself.

Well, I just want to say that I think tatoos are an excellent idea and I think everyone should get one. I would also like to say that I think you should all go to the tatoo shop on the corner of 3rd and Main in Menomonie.

Just by talking to Pat, one of the artists, I decided that they should get everyone's business. He is a cool guy, who is extremely talented.

Now, what was that all about you might ask yourself? Well, that was just me having fun with the newspaper. I love what I do.

I just hope there are those of you out there who like what we do as well. While I know there must be a few, it disheartens me to see such negative feedback.

I only rarely do this, but I am going to talk about a letter that we received this week. Now, before you point this out, I realize that I did this last week too.

I am referring to the nasty letter that we received about the quality of our editor-in-cheif, Mr. Nick Coenen. If you want to go read the letter quick, go for it.

Now, I am all for people expressing thier opinion, and it would never cross my mind to censor someone, but was that really necessary?

I think the better course of action here would have been to come and talk to Mr. Coenen instead of just writing in a nasty letter that doesn't make much sense.

Why am I standing up for Nick at this point instead of just letting this ignorant letter slide? Honestly, I don't know. Nick or I could care less what someone thinks. Just look at my own track record on the Fake News.

If it weren't for us, many things that happen on this campus would simply slip through the cracks and accountability on anyone's part would vanish.

So, no sympathy here, just a little understanding. I would also like to extend an invitaiton to everyone to come down to 149 MSC and pick up an application.

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affliction like to call it.

As much as it would seem like it would help, taking a nap does not help. Extra sleep doesn't wake you up, it makes you surrender to your old man tendencies.

If you really want to overcome your senior citizen characteristics, you need to do something that will bring back your youth. Try watching some vintage cartoons on the Cartoon Network or watch the movie "Goonies." Heck, watch Goonies anyway. If you don't feel young after seeing Sloth and Chunk, you really are old.

Also, you need to eat like your age. If you find yourself going to Perkins and ordering from the "Senior Silver" menu, you may have a problem. I reccommend you take a run at the Tremendous Twelve. After that much bacon, eggs and pancakes, you'll either feel young or have a clogged artery. Consult a physician before consuming the Tremendous Twelve. Use only as directed.

Finally, don't be afraid to roll the dice every once in a while. My roommates and I do stupid stuff all the time just to remind us that we are young. One weekend we even took turns sledding off the roof of our garage.

Now, this isn't a license to do something stupid, but you are in college. I think we are all entitled to a few moments of stupidity. How else are you going to learn your lesson?

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UW-Stout celebrates its many flags

International week allows students from other countries to show the campus their culture

Tiffany Laschinger
The Stoutonia



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The flag ceremony showcases the 28 countries that international students attending UW-Stout originate from. This ceremony is held after the cultural show on Saturday.

It is international week at the University of Wisconsin-Stout this week, and the International Relations Club is sponsoring its annual week of multi-cultural festivities.

The week started off on Tuesday night with a showing of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," and on Wednesday, students attended a panel discussion about studying abroad.

International students got the opportunity on Thursday to show off their heritage by teaching people a native dance from their country.



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Some students choose to do a dance for the show.

Exhibits featuring countries around the world that are represented at UW-Stout will be on display on Saturday in the Memorial Student Center.

"[It's a] chance for all international students to really bring out feelings for [their] countries," said Alicia Orellana, a first year hospitality and tourism management graduate student from Guatemala. "It gives an idea of our lifestyles."

Some may feature a sample of food, jewelry or clothing from their country.

Later that evening there will be a dinner highlighting foods from over 16 countries. Appetizers, main dishes and desserts will be available in a self-serve buffet line, and second and third helpings are welcome. Tickets are $10.95 for students and $15.95 for non-students; flexline and baseline plus are accepted.

UW-Stout catering services prepares the food from submitted recipes from the international students

"Sometimes we have to modernize them so we can make them," said Rod McRae, the catering manager.

Following the dinner will be a cultural show which allows students to show another talent or tradition of their country.

UW-Stout hosts 28 countries and all will be represented in the flag ceremony where their country's flag will be paraded and displayed.

Vickie Kuester, the International club advisor, has been helping put on this week for 16 years and encourages students of all ethnicities to attend.

"By getting to know others from around the world, you will get to know yourself," said Kuester. "You reflect on your own heritage, your own religion, your own food and your own culture."

International club is not only for students from other countries, but it is also for American students that are interested in learning about other cultures.

"You get to see American culture through [international students] eyes as they adapt to it,"said De Larson a junior in international business.

There are over 100 international students attending classes at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

"When people [join IRC] they come together because they have common beliefs," Kuester said.

International club holds monthly meetings where they discuss upcoming activities. They frequently take trips around the area, including the Mall of America, the Science Museum, Minnesota State Fair and many others yet to be planned.

A potluck is held every month; students can bring a cultural dish of their choice to be shared with any who attend. The potluck is free to anyone who is open to trying exotic foods.

American students are welcome to come and are encouraged to bring a dish that they feel fits their culture. Last month the dinner was held in North Hall, and over 35 students were fed a diverse array of cuisine. This month's potluck has yet to be planned, but flyers will be posted telling when and where it will be held.

"Just bring in normal food you eat with your family," said Rizal a third year graduate student in hospitality and tourism management and the president of IRC. "No chips!"

Rizal encourages American students to get involved with IRC.

"We are always accepting," said Rizal. "We want people to learn about us as much as we want to learn about you.

Campus food service lacks vegetarian options

Students that choose to be meat-free need to find a healthy balance

Missy Powell
The Stoutonia

Eating at the Commons or the Terrace may seem like a smorgasbord of blood for many vegetarians. With few vegetarian options, many are restricted to a meal consisting of a simple salad.

There are many different types of vegetarians, including the Lacto-Ovo Vegetarian, who eats a diet that excludes meat, poultry and fish but includes dairy products and eggs. The Lacto Vegetarian excludes meat, poultry, fish and eggs, but includes dairy products. Then, there is the Vegan, who excludes all animal products, including meat, poultry, fish, eggs and dairy products. Some vegans also exclude things such as honey.

Susan Block is a registered dietitian at the university dinning service on the UW-Stout campus. She noted the biggest thing when planning a vegetarian diet is nutritional variety.

"When you start cutting out all products [milks, meats, cheeses] you are going to be working harder," Block said.

One of the major things that Block pointed out was that those who are vegetarian must make sure that they are getting enough protein and calcium.

"We need protein to build muscle, heal wounds [and] keep our skin healthy," she said.

Block suggested choosing some good plant sources, beans and kidney beans, soy products, nuts, peanut butter, seeds and grain based foods.

"If you get good variety, you'll get good protein," Block said.

Another thing she noted was getting calcium.

"If you drink milk it's not a big deal, but if you're a vegan, you have to find another calcium based product," Block said.

Sophomore Brian Konet, an undecided major at UW-Stout, has given up eating all red meats, including beef and pork. Konet admits to eating chicken on occasion, and still eats plenty of dairy products.

"[It's been] one year since I've eaten red meats," Konet said.

After watching his parents cook meat as a child, he was turned off to the idea of eating it; to Konet, the meat would always taste or look funny.

"A lot of people think people do that [not eat meat] for animal rights reasons," Konet said.

He noted his reasons were mostly health related. But, quitting meat eating wasn't hard since red meats never seemed appealing to him in the first place.

Senior Bill Miller, a studio art major at UW-Stout, also is a vegetarian.

Miller started eating fish and seafood over the summer again. Otherwise, he doesn't eat meat. He has been without

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Campus Slant

If you could add a class what would it be?



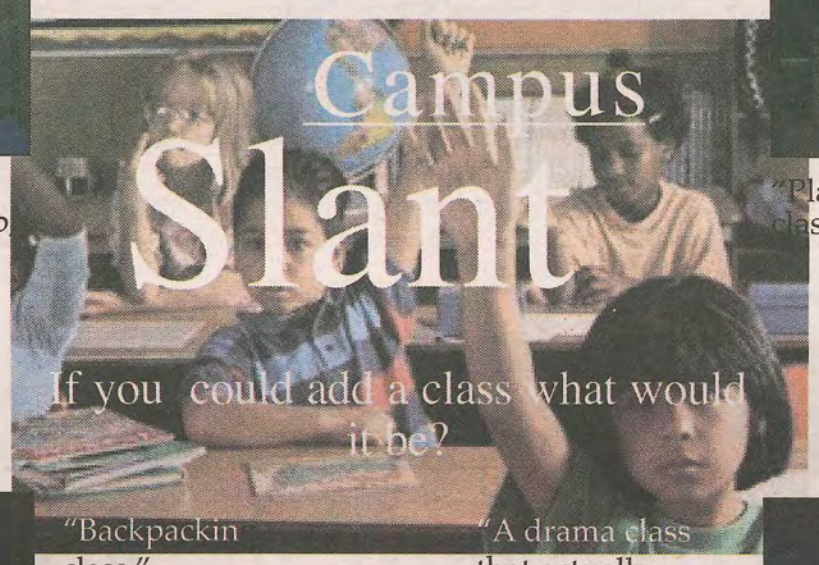
"Sleeping skills 101."
~Matt Vanderloop
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"Playboy photography class."
~Brandon Plagenann
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"Backpackin class."
~Iris Laufenberg
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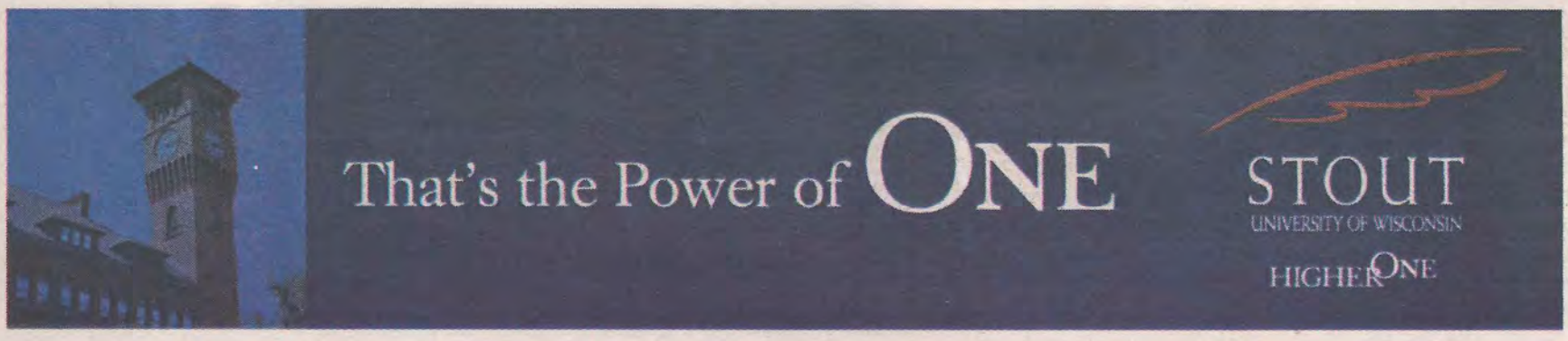
"A drama class that actually involved acting."
~Trista Glover
Jr., psychology



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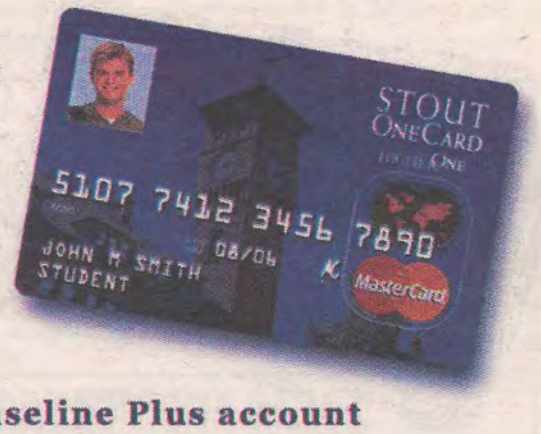
What new Ben and Jerry's ice cream flavor would you create?

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meat for five years.

"I kind of started getting grossed out by eating meat," Miller said.

Similar to Konet, Miller also didn't have a hard time giving up meat. To Miller, the transition was fairly easy. There were times that Miller wanted meat depending on who he was around, but those times have changed.

"It's not something I think about anymore," he said.

For those aspiring to become vegetarians, Block suggests figuring out what kind of vegetarian you want to be and then look at the plant based sources of food such as dried beans, dried fruit for iron and mineral supplements such as vitamins. Block also added that vegetarians need to get a good balance and find foods to fulfill their nutritional needs.

"There isn't much, just know what you are doing," Miller said.

Konet suggests reading books on the subject.

Block admits that although the Commons and Tainter try to find more vegetarian based foods, it may be harder to get that sort of entree while eating at the Terrace.

"We have a hard time eating at the Terrace; the variety isn't there," Konet said.

Miller agreed, "There is not much at school unless you want a grilled cheese sandwich, and you can only have that so much!"

Block pointed out that the vegetarian meal is also cheaper in the long run.

"Probably a more economic way to eat," she said.

Though Miller doesn't believe that being a vegetarian is a fad, he does believe that for some individuals, it could be.

"Some people do it for the wrong reasons; it depends on how serious of a commitment it is," Miller said.

Block also added, "Vegetariansm as a way of life is getting to be more and more common."

The Fake News

Do celebrities rise above the justice system?

Many stars like Winona Ryder have gotten away with serious crimes

Jose Bodega
The Stoutonia

Though found guilty on Tuesday, movie starlet Winona Ryder is not expected to do any time in prison. This brings the tally to 126,798 to 3 in the celebrities versus justice competition.

"So far, the celebrities are humbling the justice system when it comes to their transgressions," said celebrity attorney Johnnie Cochran. "As it stands, celebrities have gotten by virtually unscathed in almost 99 percent of their cases."

In the past few decades, famous people have escaped justice time and time again. This is in stark contrast to the common man, who has so far received, at the very best, adequate treatment from the justice system.

"To put it in perspective, I'm in jail for three years," said federal inmate Max Jester. "I was busted for selling [marijuana] for a third time. Compare that to Ray Lewis, who stabbed a guy and went free. Yeah, that's really fair."

In the past few years, only a handful of famous people have faced any serious legal action. The most notable are Rae Carruth of the Carolina Panthers and actor Nick Nolte. Pundits say it should be noted that these examples are exceptions because they were either not famous enough, or had used up all of their credentials with the justice system.

"I refer to it as the 'Fame-versus-felony-factor,'" said Cochran. "Basically, if a person is famous enough, they can get away with a crime, as long as it is in proportion with said fame."

Cochran uses the examples of O.J. Simpson, ex-Green Bay Packer Mark Chmura, and Rae Carruth.



by Lance Sharps, The Stoutonia

Winona Ryder waits in silence as the jury deliberates her innocence in the shoplifting case.

Cochran points out that Simpson was famous enough to get away with murder, but that Chmura was only famous enough to get away with sexual harassment, arguably, a lesser crime. Cochran then notes that Carruth was not famous enough to get away with being an accessory to murder.

"If you want another example of how the factor works on a sliding scale with a person's fame, just look at Robert Blake," says Cochran. "Had he killed his wife when he was at the peak of his celebrity, around the time 'Barretta' was big, he wouldn't have a problem. Unfortunately, his celebrity status has waned in the last decade, so he could be in serious trouble."

Even in the wake of the Ryder trial, an overhaul of the justice system is not expected, as most people in the justice system are fans of one celebrity or another.

"We live in a society that has no problem putting minor drug offenders in prison and letting celebrities get away with murder," said California District Attorney John James. "Ooh, that reminds me, I need to get home to watch 'Fraiser.' Man I love that crazy Kelsey Grammer, even if he is a coke [sic] head."

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Atmosphere *falls* to earth



Great Hall, MSC
Nov. 16 @ 8 p.m.

Photo Illustration by: Russell Bowers

Slug, pictured here, is the headliner for the band Atmosphere. They are appearing in the Great Hall on Nov. 16. This is the group's fifth performance at UW-Stout.

Erin Hogan-Braker
The Stoutonia

Bands that sell out 1,500 seat venues and can naturally make a packed crowd sway usually don't play in the Memorial Student Center at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Bands that tour in Japan and perform for audiences from New York City to California most likely would never consider coming to this obscure college town nestled in the woods of western Wisconsin.

For some fortunate reason, Minneapolis' highly esteemed hip-hop act, Atmosphere, has a fondness for UW-Stout.

Following several appearances in Menomonie in the past, Atmosphere and its ever-rotating roster of contributing talents is coming to UW-Stout once again.

The headliner of the group, Slug, will be here on Nov. 16, backed by world-renowned deejay, Mr. Dibbs.

Dibbs was ranked sixth in the world for his deejay abilities by Spin Magazine. This honor alone makes the $5 ticket price even more of a bargain.

Fellow artists Murs, Blueprint, Brother Ali, DeeJayBird and the group Hieruspecs are slotted alongside Slug to entertain at the Memorial Student Center.

Despite the quality of entertainment, past attendance at previous Rhyme Sayers shows at UW-Stout are usually not up to comparison with attendance at nearby venues.

"Last year there weren't even 100 people in the Great Hall," said Tanya Novitske, a senior in apparel design at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. "The next night, Atmosphere had lines outside First-Ave [in Minneapolis] and it was sold out."

Now, UW-Stout has another rare chance to take in Atmosphere.

Atmosphere is currently road-tripping around the country to promote its latest album release, *Godlovesugly*.

"With material from the new album and the freestyle sessions, you're guaranteed to see a good show," said Lee Young, a senior at UW-Eau Claire.

The Nov. 16 date at UW-Stout will be the group's second-to-last stop of the tour.

Travis Hall, a junior in art education said, "I've seen them numerous times from Minneapolis to San Francisco, and every time they get better. This tour is the best collaboration yet."

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>Women in Black Protest, 12-1 p.m. >Rajiv Asthana, speaker, 114 Fryklund Hall, 1:25-2:20 p.m. >Dinner with Gregg, Heritage Café, 8 p.m., $4	>International Dinner, Exhibits: 4:30-6 p.m., Dinner: 5:30 >Kate Morrissey, singer, Acoustic Cafe, 8-10 p.m.	No events scheduled	>GreenSense, 225 Science Wing >GreenSense T-Shirt Sale	>Stoutonia Meeting, Ballroom A, 7 p.m.	>Dave Russo, comedian, Heritage Café, 8 p.m. $2.50 students/$5 public	>BDP Open Mic Nite, 8 p.m. Heritage Café, free >Thursday Night Out, Rec Center, 8-12 a.m.

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Jingle bells, Santa sells



MOVIEREVIEW
Kim Hauschildt

All the pumpkins are smashed. Bellies are plum full with candy. It's time to change gears and get in the joyous holiday mood.

This Friday, the first of the holiday-themed movies, "The Santa Clause 2," starring Tim Allen, came out.

"[It] was the best movie I have seen all year," said Troy Bennett, a junior in telecommunications. "I definitely had to go get tickets for it."



Scott Calvin, played by Tim Allen, has held his position as Santa for the past eight years. His loyal elves feel that he is the best Santa so far.

But there is a shadow hanging over the North Pole.

Santa learns of a clause stating the need to fulfill the position of Mrs. Clause. Santa has a mere 28 days to find a bride to fill these shoes, or he can no longer be Santa, and he will lose all his magic. In addition, the North Pole and all the elves will also disappear.

One of the smart elves creates a large toy version of Santa to take care of the North Pole while Santa is in the real world finding himself a wife.



Courtesy of: movies.com

Tim Allen returns to the big screen with "Santa Clause 2," the sequel to the 1994 film. It takes place eight years after Scott Calvin's first season as Santa.

Before leaving, Santa finds out that his own son Charlie, has stumbled onto the naughty list due to some vandalizing and graffiti on school property. Scott tries to keep control of his family life and the North Pole, all while finding a new wife so he can keep the Santa tradition alive.

This seems to be no easy task.

Conflicts arise, making Santa's job even more difficult. Charlie is irritated with his dad because he can't tell anyone that he is Santa. Charlie's new half-sister, Lucy, spends the entire movie trying to figure out if Scott is really Santa.

Although seeming very childish, the movie was comically done very well. It is very good in comparison to the first "Santa Clause" that came out in 1994. The movies go in different directions, however, making it difficult to say which movie is actually better.

"I like both of [the movies] the same," said Bennett. "I've seen both of them the exact same number of times."

This Disney movie appeals to an audience of all ages. Let the spreading of holiday spirit commence.



Santa Clause 2
starring Tim Allen
Kim says: *"Lovers of Christmas, Disney and Tim Allen, this is for you."*
How it rates:
★★½☆☆

Boppel memorial exhibit at Furlong

Amanda Dobbratz
The Stoutonia

You see fields of color and texture that seem to be more of an aural experience than visual.

You see layer upon layer of intellectual, formal and historical issues explored simultaneously.

You see Todd Boppel's paintings.

Boppel began his career at the University of Wisconsin–Stout in 1964 as faculty in the fledgling art department. During his thirty-six years of teaching, he became an integral and influential personality in the department; he filled the positions of friend, artist, mentor and valued critic.

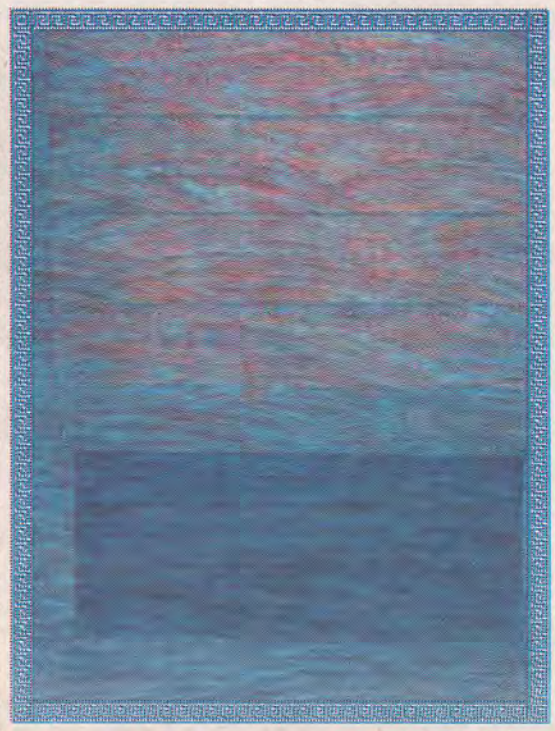
Boppel retired in May of 1999.

"He had the best work ethic," says Gabrielle Mayer, assistant professor in art and design, "most people [stop coming] when they retire, but he was there every day with his lunch pail."

On Nov. 8, 2000 Boppel died unexpectedly of a heart attack.

To honor Boppel's life and work, the department of art and design and the Furlong Galleries have organized a retrospective exhibition and catalogue of his paintings and drawings from 1963 to 2000.

The show will run from Nov. 8 through Dec. 13 in the Furlong Galleries located in Micheels Hall. The opening reception will take place Nov. 8, from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The gallery's regular hours of operation are 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Thursday.



Submitted photo

This piece, *Nemerov*, by Todd Boppel, will be the prize for a drawing on Dec. 7.

"[Boppel's work is] remarkable for its consistent high quality, its aesthetic and intellectual rigor and the breadth, complexity and refinement of its abstract visual explorations," said David Gariff, associate professor of art history.

The work produced by Boppel throughout his career is rooted in Modernist and abstract tradition. Boppel's paintings are largely concerned with formal issues such as line, color, space and texture.

Underlying the surface of these works are themes that lace the work with complexities that are initially unaparent. Boppel worked with ideas from music, poetry and most frequently, landscapes.

"It is certainly among the most significant bodies of work produced by an American artist active in the midwest in the post-1960 period," said Gariff.

A scholarship bearing Boppel's name, in remembrance of his legacy at UW–Stout, lies within the art and design department. The Todd Boppel Scholarship fund was started last year with a drawing of faculty work as its initial fundraiser.

This year, one of Boppel's works will be the subject of the drawing. Nemerov, c.1990s, oil on canvas, 50" x 44", was donated to the fund from Boppel's estate by his widow, Mrs. Joan Boppel. The painting can be viewed at the exhibition.

Tickets for the drawing are $10 or $8 with student I.D.; all proceeds from the ticket sales will go to the scholarship fund. Tickets can be purchased in the Furlong Galleries now until the drawing on Saturday., Dec. 7 at the Fine Arts Association and Ceramics Guild's annual art sale. Only 500 tickets will be sold.

Questions regarding the exhibition may be directed to 232-2261.

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Musican strikes a chord

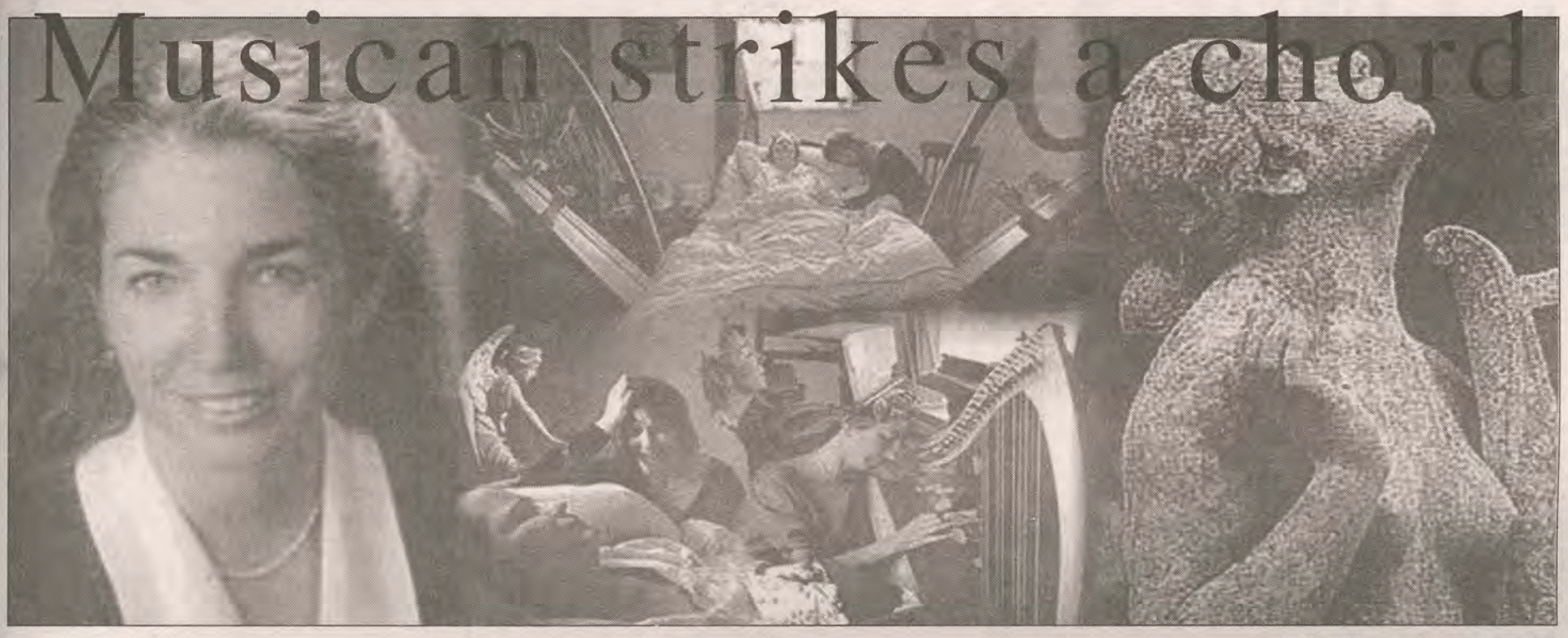


Photo Illustration by: Russell Bowers

Therese Schroeder-Sheker has had numerous accomplishments, but above all, she has changed the world with her musical theraputic treatment.

Bill Denney
The Stoutonia

You lay in a hospital bed. You know that the next few days of your life are your last. What are you thinking? Who do you want by your side? What are the last thoughts you want going through your mind?

"I hope that I can be calm when I leave this world and have some sense of anticipation," says Thomas Barrett, a freshman in psychology.

While Therese Schroeder-Sheker may not be able to answer these questions for you, she has the ability to put you in a state of mind in which you may be able to find the answers for yourself.

An internationally acclaimed harpist and clinician, Schroeder-Sheker will be making a presentation right here in Menomonie.

A true pioneer in palliative care, she founded the medical field of music-thanatology and the Chalice of Repose Project.

Palliative care is different from typical therapeutic treatment because therapeutic measures attempt to cure whatever ails a patient. Palliative care is a form of comfort. The patients receiving this attention are those who must accept the inevitable. Deep spiritual and emotional maturity is required for those who want to bring this sense of ease to patients.

Music-thanatology is a form of care in which dying folks and their families are comforted at their bedside by harp and vocals. It puts those who are on their final stretch at ease.

Thirty years ago, no one ever fathomed palliative care with music. However, now it is a world-renowned profession.

The Chalice of Repose Project, founded by Schroeder-Sheker, is helping those interested in the science to perfect their skills.

Aside from founding her own medical field, Schroeder-Sheker has lived quite an accomplished life. She made her debut at Carnegie Hall in 1980, and has authored more than 100 publications which have been released in eight different languages.

She is the recipient of an Emmy, a Gabriel, a Jerome and she has also been the subject of documentaries seen on ABC, NBC, PBS and CNN.

This Friday, Schroeder-Sheker will be on campus giving a special presentation that will include music, lecture and some video. The excitement builds as this amazing woman prepares to make an appearance in our own backyard.

"This is a woman that Stout students can go see if they wish to see someone who has truly changed the world," says Robert Horan, the director of the University Honors Program and a personal friend of Schroeder-Sheker.

Schroeder-Sheker will be speaking to Stephanie Graber's music classes on the morning of Friday, Nov. 8, and there will a public reception for her in the Honors Program Office in 42 Harvey Hall at 4 p.m. Following the reception, the presentation will be held at the First Congregational-UCC Church at 420 Wilson Ave. at 6 p.m. Admission is free and all are invited to attend.

Horan said, "I don't want to spoil what exactly will be in the presentation, but I encourage anyone who is interested to take the time to go see it."

THERESE SCHROEDER-SHEKER
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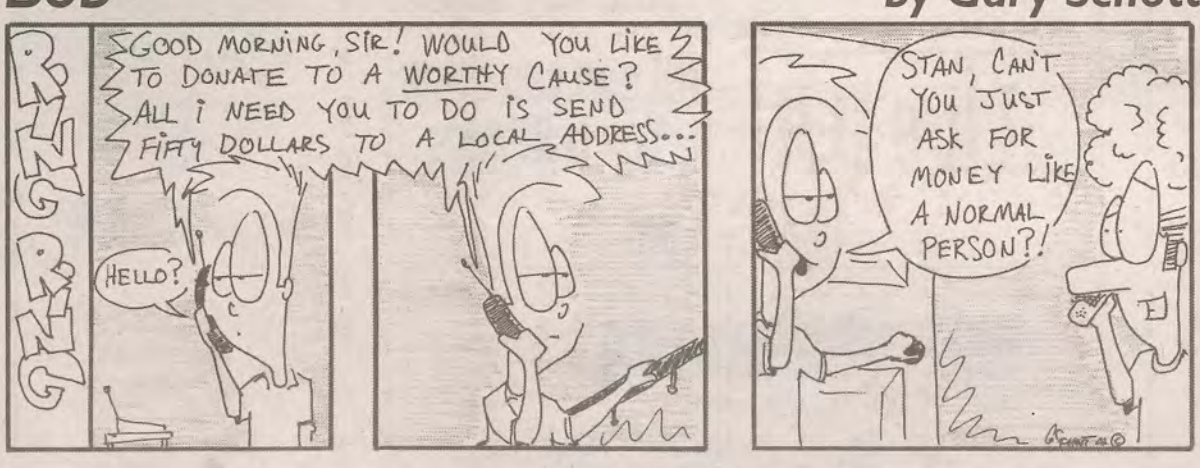
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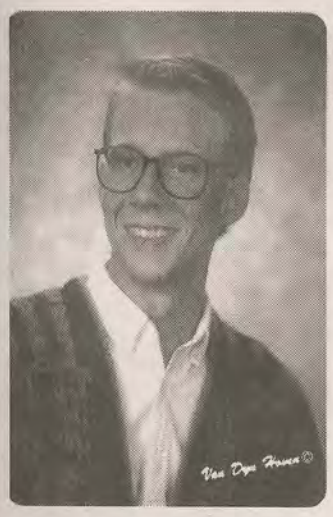
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Men's volleyball team starts up



UTILITYPLAY'A
Joe Pollock

Even as I write this article, I am still learning of the existence of a men's volleyball club here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Something tells me that this will be news to the ears of most readers as well.

Not only is there a team but they got game.

They finished the last season solidly, taking 3rd place in the conference out of 21 teams. The team didn't stop there though. The last stop was Nationals in Columbus, Ohio, where they placed 31st out of 64 teams in division II.

With so much success, it is interesting to note that the awareness for the men's volleyball club is quite mixed. Some will talk of how great the team is and how well they have been doing the last couple years. Others will scratch their head and say "What men's volleyball team?"

"I foresee an increase in fan support, as the sport is growing real fast in this area, that being the twin cities and surrounding areas," said team co-president Josh Van Deraa, a senior majoring in telecommunications systems. "I've heard many people asking about the teams, and we hope to see many people showing support for our teams."



courtesy of, The UW-Stout Men's Volleyball Club

Volleyball has always been a women's and intramural sport at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, but now there is a men's club on campus for guys who like to bump.

With this apparent rise in interest for men's volleyball, many students may be wondering how they can get involved.

"This is a club sport, and in order to join the club all one would need to do is show up at one of our practices at the Johnson Field House, and we will take care of the rest." said Van Deraa.

Brian King, a 5th year senior in applied math and computer science added, "In addition to just showing up, you have to show commitment and come to practice and enjoy having a good time."

Along with quality players, the team is mostly looking forward to increased fan support. They will be kicking off another winning season, hosting the Big Cheese Volleyball Tournament in the MPR on Saturday, Nov. 9. from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The team will be lead by 4th year setter and captain Eric Weiss, an applied science major. They have added some height to the middle blocker position with first year starter Deric Czarapata and Eric Becker from Marshfield, Wis.

With the exciting play of 4th year veteran Travis Yokimcus of Marshfield, Wis., the team will definitely continue to have its crazy on court antics.

One thing is sure: this team will bring excitement. Team captain Eric Weiss was asked if he thought the men versus women would be an entertaining draw for the fans.

"I feel a match with the lady devils would draw a large crowd if we advertised and talked it up as battle of the sexes kind of idea." Weiss stated. "We have a long lasting relationship with the coaching staff and some of the players and would like some feedback from some of the student body as to whether or not this would be something of interest."

Weather doesn't stop waterski team



FITLIVING
Ann Syrstad

This week I am writing about the University of Wisconsin-Stout waterski team. You may be asking yourself, "Why would anyone write a story on the UW-Stout waterski team when it is too cold to ski?" Well, although a majority of the season takes place in the water, a very important part is what goes on from November to March.

"Our major goal is to arise interest from people who think we are only a club in the early fall and spring," says Nick Colianni, a senior business administration major from Minaqua, Wis.

Colianni has been active in the growth and development of the waterski team.

In the colder months, it is amazing how involved the waterski team really is.

The team keeps busy with leadership conferences, teambuilding activities, fundraising and promotional activities. Members also attend boat shows throughout the Midwest. This is a great opportunity to meet other ski teams as well as network with boat dealers.

With about 35 skiers this year, the membership is at its all-time high. The skiers say they have a lot of fun on the waterski team, ranging from weekly meetings to practices and competitions.

"Waterski team has been a great chance to meet new friends," says Steve Jones, a junior from Mequon, Wis., and the current vice president. "We have a lot of fun together."

Although dues are $50, it is well worth the investment. With dues, members have skiing privileges Monday through Thursday from 4 p.m. to dusk and can partake in many other planned events.

To help lower any travel costs or tournament fees, the team works hard to fundraise. For instance, the team is planning on selling T-shirts to help cover any extra expenses.



courtesy of, The UW-Stout Waterski team

The University of Wisconsin-Stout may not be the first place that comes to mind when one thinks of waterskiing, but that does not stop the UW-Stout Waterski team from competing.

Looking to try the Waterski team out?

"Don't be shy," says Colianni. "All ability levels are welcome."

Weekly meetings are held in the Memorial Student Center Ballroom B every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. For more information, email the officers at uwstoutwaterskiteam@yahoo.com or check out their officail website at http://www.uwstout.edu/student/waterski/.

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Reviewing the week in sports

Joe Pollock
The Stoutonia

Football

The performance of the University of Wisconsin-Stout quarterback last Saturday left the opposing Pointer players saying "Ohman."

Blue Devil quarterback Nick Ohman, a sophomore from Glenwood, Wis., led UW-Stout to a 37-13 win over the visiting University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. UW-Stout had 504 total yards. In the first half alone they complied 276 while holding the Pointers to 298 for the entire game.

The loss was the Pointers worst in two seasons. The victory boosted the Blue Devils, 7-1, to a 14th place national ranking in the American Football Coaches Poll.

More importantly, the Blue Devils are now in a three-way tie for the conference lead with the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. They will next travel to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater for a match up on Saturday, Nov. 9 at 1 p.m.

Volleyball

The Blue Devils, 30-5, strolled through all of their matches last weekend in the Bob & Steve's BP Amoco Shops Volleyball Classic in River Falls. The tourney was the last before the conference finals.

Highlighting the action was UW-Stout's Brooke Viegut, a junior from Abbotsford, Wis. In Saturday's game versus Illinois College, she nailed 11 service aces, just two shy of a school record.

The tourney helped the Blue Devils pick up a head of steam as they entered the quarterfinal round in the conference playoffs on Tuesday Nov. 5.

It was Viegut along with Tanille Zenner, a freshman from Athens, Wis. that led the attack against UW-La Crosse. The Blue Devils won the first game and lost the second. After gaining a 25-10 lead in the third, they did not look back, finishing the match in four games.

This is only the second time a Blue Devil volleyball team has posted 30 wins in a season. They will hopefully add one more on Friday, Nov. 8 when they play UW-Whitewater in the conference semifinals. The match will be held at UW-River Falls at 5 p.m.

Hockey

It was a rough weekend road trip for the hockey team, 2-2, as they opened up conference play.

The team first traveled to UW-Stevens Point on Friday. Right off-the-bat, the Pointers jumped all over the Blue Devils. UW-Stevens Point scored two unanswered goals in the first and two in the second on their way to a 4-1 victory.

The following night, the Blue Devils traveled to Eau Claire to challenge the Blugolds. UW-Stout struck first in this one with a goal in the first. It was all Blugolds after that as UW-Eau Claire rolled to a 6-1 victory.

The Blue Devils will return to action on Friday, Nov. 8. They will be traveling to UW-Superior, and the following night, they will take on St. Scholastica.

Basketball

That's right hoops fans; it's that time again. The basketball season is near.

In the D3hoops.com Top 25 preseason poll, the women's basketball team was ranked 10th in the nation. Last season, the Lady Blue Devils finished as the conference champion with a 23-5 overall record.

The women will open this season on Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Millikin University tournament against Webster University.

In men's basketball news, the Blue Devils will play host to the Akron Wingfoots, an elite group of former college all-stars. The exhibition game is scheduled for Thursday, Nov. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in Johnson Fieldhouse. There will be no admission charged for the game.

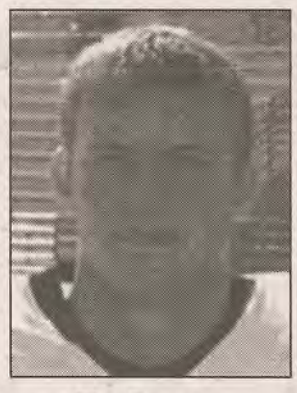
In other sports

The women's soccer team finished the regular season with its most impressive victory, an 11-0 romping of UW-Whitewater last Thursday.

However they were knocked out of the conference tournament on Tuesday, Nov. 5 by the Titans.

The cross-country team also finished their season with a seventh place effort in the conference championships on Nov. 2.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Nick Ohman

UW-Stout

The Facts:
Sophomore
Quarterback
Glenwood City, Wis.
Service Management

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Blue Devil Nick Ohman had 325 total yards of offense in Saturday's game. He ran for two scores, passed for two more and had a hand in 26 points in UW-Stout's win. He led all rushers with 125 yards on 11 attempts and was 21-of-31 for 220 yards in the air. He completed passes to nine different receivers; his longest completion was 26 yards.

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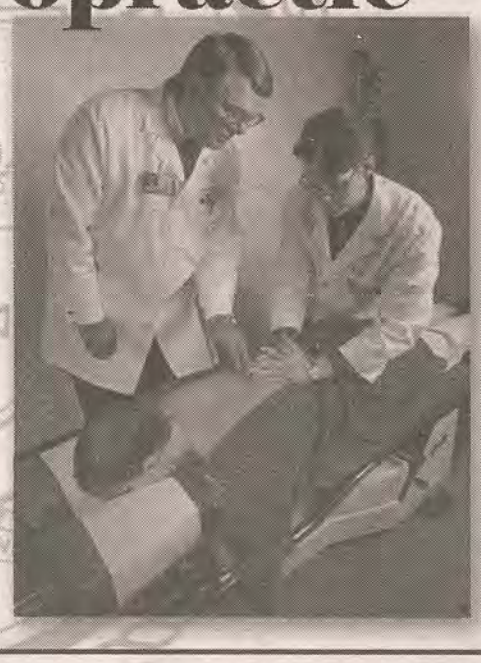
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Rugby teams finish up strong

Rebecca Werner
The Stoutonia





courtesy of, the Men's Rugby Website

Top: Steve Hertig goes up for a line-out ball during the 1999's Article Fest.
Left: The Women's team also goes for a line-out ball in a file photo.

This season, men's rugby has been rolling in the wins, with a record of 8-2.

Two weeks ago, the club team defeated Illinois University 61-5, moving the University of Wisconsin-Stout's team from the Sweet Sixteen of the Midwest to the Final Four. This last Saturday, the team competed against the University of Daton, Ohio and pulled out a close win by the score of 22-21. The team then played the nationally ranked runner-up, the University of Northern Iowa, on Sunday.

At halftime, UW-Stout was leading 6-0, but by the end of the second half, UNI had come back, winning 15-11 and securing a place for themselves at Nationals.

Despite all this, the team has set other records this season.

"We won our state for the fourth year in a row," said Coach and President Andy Dombrovski. "No one has ever done three years before, and we have won four."

Freshmen Justin Lattu and Max Zukowski along with junior John Peterson were key players this season. According to Dombrovski, they greatly contributed to the team's success, but Zukowski is the most impressive member.

"Max has been selected for a tryout for the National Team," said Dombrovski, a senior in business administration. "One more cut and he makes the team."

The team hopes to go further into the playoffs next year also.

"It's right in front of us, and we have to know what to do," said Zukowski, a packaging major. "We can't be satisfied that we are here now and that we made it this far."

The team has what it takes according to Dombrovski. He said the victory against IU was the best game he has ever witnessed.

"They work very hard as a team," said Advisor Jamie Tilleson. "Not only to win matches, but also to portray a positive image for themselves and the university. It is a student coached team that has developed incredibly over the years."

The women's team has been striving for success as well. In only its fourth season, the women's team has put up a good fight, and improved immensely, according to players.

"This past weekend was the first time Stout women's rugby has made it this far," said Captain and President Rachel Thieke, a senior in family and consumer science. "This is the best season the women's team has ever had."

With a record of 7-2, these 27 women ended their season at the Sweet Sixteen, taking second in Wisconsin, right behind the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. They lost to the St. Cloud State team on Saturday by a score of 27-12. However, in its next game, the Lady Devils proved what they were really made of by defeating the University of Northern Illinois 57-0.

Some key players this season were senior's Kim Klahn, Jill Dummer and Rachel Thieke.

This spring, a lot of the women will be graduating, so the team is optimistically looking forward to some fresh recruits for the spring season starting this February. They're ready to see what you've got.

International Week
November 5–9, 2002

"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon"
Tuesday, November 5
Ang Lee's Oscar winning masterpiece ended up as the highest grossing foreign language film in United States history. With artistic martial art fights and wonderfully complex characters, played by Chow Yun-Fat and Michelle Yeoh, it is an absolute "must see" film! The visually stimulating scenes and lovely musical score, including cello solos by Yo-Yo Ma, is enough to captivate any audience.
7:00 p.m. Ballroom A, Memorial Student Center

"Why Not Study Abroad?!"
Wednesday, November 6
Panel discussion: question and answer session with recent study abroad participants.
7:00 p.m. Ballroom A, Memorial Student Center

International Folk Dance Workshop
Thursday, November 7
7:00 p.m. Great Hall, Memorial Student Center

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Saturday, November 9
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Johnny Lunchbox is a vintage shop on Main Street that offers reasonable prices.

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Failing grades can place students on academic probation, holding them back from graduating.

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Bumpy road to registration

Rachel Kasinskas
Debbie Paulson
The Stoutonia

It's the time of year again for registration, and at any given hour, an average of 50 students are registering.

This semester registration isn't going as smoothly as in the past; many students continue to have trouble registering on time.

"My PIN number didn't work so I had to wait a long time for them to send my PIN; it was too long," said Courtney Olivier a senior in fashion merchandising. "What is going on with the system?"

These problems with the registration program, Datatel, can be traced to this past summer, when the system was updated. The system changed over from personal identification numbers (PIN) to passwords. Students were e-mailed and told to change their password.

"It is aggravating for students; they are being told their passwords are wrong,

*please see **Registration**, page 3*



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Two UW-Stout students patiently wait while registration assistant Tony Schlemm helps them with their registration problems. Many students have encountered difficulties in registering for spring semester.

Search is on in four coincidental missing person cases

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia

Recently, four students from the upper Midwest area have been reported missing. One student, Michael Noll, is from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

All four students were last seen leaving either a party or a bar, but there are no connections surrounding their disappearances.

"Students should be careful. There is always a threat when you have been drinking, especially if it is a big city like Eau Claire, Minneapolis," said Rachel Dirby, a junior in early childhood education. "People should even be careful if they are out partying here in Menomonie."

Lisa Walter, the police chief of University of Wisconsin-Stout Police, says that students should not be alarmed or feel threatened about these missing persons.

"I am not saying that people should not be careful when walking alone, but law enforcement has not received any general alert or information regarding connections with the four missing young people," said Walter.

An incident that occurred last year in which an UW-Eau Claire student wandered into the river. The student was originally thought to be missing.

"It was my thought that this probably is what happened last week," said Allen Ebel, an alcohol counselor in the counseling center. "I think the key issues here are how much people drink, raising their blood alcohol levels well beyond what is safe."

Ebel said that UW-Stout and the Menomonie coalition of Alcohol and Other Drug Services (AOD) plan to investigate the sales and service ordinances to see if there are gaps that could lead to the kind of tragedy experienced in Eau Claire.

UW-Stout students can take precautions when going out. Walters suggests when going out, students should not be alone.

"We tell students to use the buddy system when they go out. This is to help prevent assault, fights and injuries. If a friend of yours is leaving a party or a bar and they have been drinking, it is suggested that they do not walk alone. Use a buddy system and stay together for the duration," said Walter.

Missing People



Christopher Jenkins, 21, of Eden Prarie, Minn., has been missing since Thursday, Oct. 31. The University of Minnesota student was last seen leaving a Minneapolis bar.



Erika Dalquist, 21, of Pillager, Minn., has been missing from Brainerd, Minn. since Wednesday, Oct. 30. She was last seen leavign a Minneapolis bar with a white male.



Michael Noll, 22, of Rochester, Minn., has been missing since Wedesday, Nov. 6. The UW-Eau Claire student was last seen by a homeowner who found him entering her house in Eau Claire.



Josh Guimona, 20, of Maple Lake, Minn., has been missing since Saturday, Nov. 9. The St. John's University student was last seen leaving a party.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 33° Low 19° Partly Cloudy	High 39° Low 23° Partly Cloudy	High 42° Low 27° Mostly Cloudy

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Menomonie business: survival of the fittest

Aleshia Browuer
The Stoutonia

It was once open and known as Bagels.com. Located on Main Street, the establishment now sits with an Edina Realty sign in the window.

Closed and out of business, it seeks a store buyer, rather than a customer.

"I always got the turkey and white bagel with American cheese," said Casey Havenor, junior in packaging. "It was good."

Up for sale, the offers are pending, however the future for the building is still unknown.

"It's always difficult in the small business market," said Linda McIntyre, executive director of the Menomonie Chamber of Commerce. "I think those that depend somewhat on the campus environment struggle during the summer."

Within the last year, students and townspeople alike have seen some small business turnover. The Bolo Inn, Emma's Bakery, and Bagels.com are just a few to tack on the list.

The downtown strip of Menomonie is notorious for its unique small shops. Anshus Jewelers and Ted's Pizza are just some of the longstanding businesses close to campus. So how do some survive when others don't?

"The turnover of the other small businesses we see in Menomonie is nothing new," said Mark Fenton, professor of business at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. "It will continue to happen as long as there are people out there with ideas for new small businesses."

As businesses fade out, new ones are eager to come in. As part owner and manager of the new alternative clothing and jewelry store, Mystical Impressions, Brandy Ask is also a UW-Stout student. Located next to Penco, her new business is full of imported, specialized merchandise.

"It's kind of nice to have something different," said Ask. "If it's the normal stuff you want,m you're going to go to Wal-Mart."

Ask appreciates the unique services and products that small local shops have to offer. She also realizes that student traffic is important for her business.

"I get business because of Penco," Ask said. "It's mostly students."

Despite the economic power of college students, McIntyre points out other sources which drive business. Minnesota and surrounding communities also play a large role.

"Menomonie is to many small communities what Eau Claire is to us," McIntyre said. "Tourism is much bigger here than people think. We are definitely a leisure market for the Twin Cities."

With Bagels.com closed, students are left only with their memories of the place.

"They were really nice people," said Havenor. "They had a really cool interior too. I just hope that That Mexican Place works out."

Business will keep coming and going as entrepreneurs become inspired.

"We are fortunate in Menomonie to have people willing to open small business," said Fenton. "I have found the service of these people to be exceptional."



by Andrea Nies, The Stoutonia
Bagels.com is the newest of a string of local businesses to shut its doors. The popular campus eatery, located on Main Street, is now in the hands of Edina Realty.

Recent meningitis cases raise renewed awareness

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

In the past week, two students in the University of Wisconsin system died of meningococcal disease. One student, Erik Spindler, attended University of Wisconsin-River Falls and the other, Edward Bailey , was a student at University of Wisconsin-Madison. Both students were 20-year-old males.

Bailey had visited friends at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse over the weekend. Officials at that campus took precautionary steps by notifying and treating individuals who had had direct contact with the deceased student.

Another student from UW-Eau Claire, Adam Griggel, was hospitalized last week after being diagnosed with a strain of the disease and is currently recoveringt at an Eau Claire hospital.

Griggel, a freshmen majoring in criminal justice at UW-Eau Claire, was vaccinated for meningococcal disease before leaving for college this summer, but he came down with the one strain of the five that is not protected against by vaccination.

The close proximity and occurrence of these cases has reinforced the high risk that college students have for contracting this potentially deadly disease.

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Prevention, college students living in campus residence halls are at a higher risk than college students overall.

CDC research has also shown that freshmen living in residence halls have a risk that is six times higher for meningococcal disease than college students overall.

Meningococcal bacteria are transmitted through respiratory droplets and direct contact with persons already infected with the disease.

Oral contact with shared items, such as cigarettes or drinking glasses, or intimate contact, such as kissing could put someone at risk for acquiring the infection.

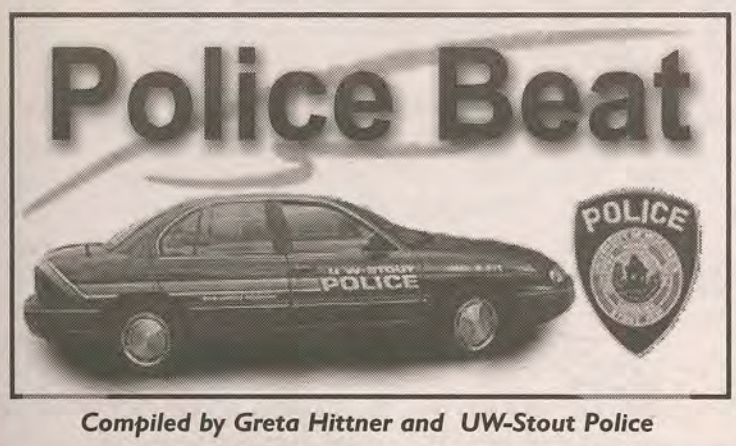
"People can be exposed who don't know they're being exposed," said Janice Lawrence-Ramaeker, director of UW-Stout student health services.

Because the symptoms of meningococcal disease are similar to symptoms for other less harmful infections, it can be difficult to tell when an ill feeling is something more than just the flu.

The most common symptoms include high fever, headaches, stiff neck, confusion, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, and rashes.

Any individual with similar symptoms is advised to seek immediate medical attention.

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Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Strange call
A student reported on Nov. 6 that she received five phone calls between 3 a.m. and 3:05 a.m. from an unknown male. The calls were gothic in nature. Part of a message on her machine said, "metal piercing the skin, and blood dripping to the ground." No suspects have been identified.

Caller wants nuke and crack
On Nov. 8, a student reported that she received a phone call from an unknown male asking how he could get a nuclear weapon and a pound of crack cocaine. The caller also asked the student how much it all would cost. The student hung up on the caller and called police. She was told to contact the police if she received any more calls.

Help desk turned off
A student staff member at ASK5000 reported on Nov. 8 that someone called the help desk about getting some gay porn off his/her computer. After carrying on, the caller seemed to sound like he/she was enjoying the porn and the help desk staff member hung up the phone out of disgust. The staff worker said it was not the first call like that received.

Vandalism abound
A staff member reported to police on Nov. 11 that over the weekend, someone had vandalized the mall area between Bowman and Harvey Halls. Ashtray containers, picnic tables, and garbage cans were tipped over. Also, a manhole cover was removed, causing a safety hazard. A UW-Stout tour guide picked up the area. Officers have been asked to watch that area around bar time on the weekends.

If you would like to make a strange call, call the Stoutona first and give us an advanced warning!

Registration / Advice to make it easier

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but they think they're not. Students were warned with an e-mail, but unfortunately not all students check their e-mail," said Tony Schlemm of registration and records.

Another problem is that the system detects conflict of classes, when there is no conflict. This has to do with a class that has been changed on the registration list from its original offering.

"If students run into this, just call my office and we can fix it over the phone," said Jeff Kirschling, a registrar of registration and records office.

Also, the system is not permitted to allow a student to register for over 18 credits, but recently the system did. The registration office then has to search the system for students with too many credits, email them and give them the chance to drop credits.

The office only allows over 18 credits to those graduating in spring and also general students can take 20 credits three days prior to the beginning of classes.

As freshman registration approaches, the registration office prepares for confused students.

"Those are the ones who get aggravated the most, because by then even generals get closed already," said Schlemm.

Andrew Goulet, a sophomore in construction, said, "This really sucks! I can't get into any of the classes I want. Most are already filled or I just can't get into [them]. Most of the seniors say they can't get into them either. I don't get it!"



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

If the registration system was working properly, this student may have avoided going to the registration office.

Schlemm suggests that students familiarize themselves with registration policy, which can be found at the registration and records homepage.

"The number 1 mistake is that students make is 99 percent of them don't know the policy," said Schlemm.

The policies of registration are available in the printed timetable or in PDF format on the registration and records Web site: http://www.uwstout.edu/regrec/.

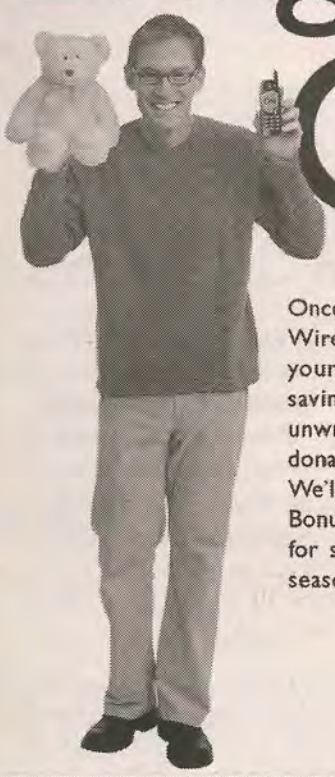
These pages tell students how to find your registration time, how to register either online or walk in how to add and drop courses, as well as many other specific topics of registration guidelines.

Students are advised to make sure they can first get into the system before attempting to register. They should go to Access Stout and verify that they can login to their account.

"Just don't wait until last minute," said Schlemm. "If denied, then get butt down to our office so we can get you registered, worry about PIN numbers later.

As advice for freshmen who will be registering soon, Kirschling emphasizes planning ahead, "Have alternative sections planed in case classes are closed. Don't assume an instructor will allow you into a class or waive a prerequisite."

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1		113 1/2 Main St. #1	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash/ LOCATION N/P	9
1	1	119 W. Main #1	$275	$275	n/a	n/a	Close to campus and downtown	3
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1	1	1520 7th Street	$385	$385	n/a	n/a	Close to campus/parking	D
1	1	803 Wilson Av #7	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Close to campus	8
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1	1	421 Wilson Ave. #3	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water, parking	6
2	1	115 1/2 W. Main	$350	$175	$4000	$200	Close to campus and downtown	D
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4	1	1120 15th Ave.	$640	$160	$800	$200	Very LARGE bedrooms/WashDry hook up	D
4	1	2235 So Broadway	$900	$225	$1,060	$190	Super location/large house/parking	H
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$740	$185	$850	$195	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas Heat	H
4	1.5	1314 - 8th St.	$760	$190	$880	$220	WashDry hook-up/Garage/cute	H
4	1.5	121 1/2 12th Ave. W.	$840	$210	$960	$240	Large apartment, super location	D
4	1	1216 6th St.	$840	$210	$1,000	$250	New siding/across from campus	H
4	2	1319 - 8th St.	$800	$200	$960	$240	Excellent location/Parking	H
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #2	$880	$220	$1,000	$250	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #5	$880	$220	$1,000	$250	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond	8
4	1.5	414 14th Av W. #6	$880	$220	$1,000	$250	Modern/high eff gas heat/W&D/air cond	8
4	1	915 Main St	$700	$175	$825	$206	Good location in duplex	D
4	1+	1515 6th St.	$960	$240	$1,080	$270	Spacious, Close to Campus, washer/dryer	H
4	2	1301 9th St.	$1,000	$250	$1,150	$205	Beautiful house with porch/garage/Loaction	H
4	2+	147 1/2 Main St "A"	$1,380	$345	n/a	n/a	INCLUDES UTIL./HUGE/LOCATION	4
4	2	1702 6th St	$1,000	$250	$1,200	$300	Large House close to campus washer/dryer	H
4	1	205 17th Ave W.	$1,100	$275	$1,300	$325	Great location and condition, w/d hookups	4
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	Gas heat/Storage	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave	$725	$145	$875	$175	WashDry hook-up/Storage/Gas heat	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	2	1403 - 6th St.	$810	$162	$970	$194	BIG FOR 6/good location / lots of parking	H
5	2	516 19th Ave. W.	$895	$179	$1,045	$209	Large/Parking/Family room	D
5	1	1107 2nd St. W.	$925	$185	$1,085	$217	Good Layout / close to campus	H
5	2	512 19th Ave. W.	$900	$180	$1,050	$210	Large / Parking / Family room	D
5	2	1220 7th St.	$900	$180	$1,075	$215	1 Block from Campus/washer/dryer/house	H
5	2	405 20th Ave E	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Great house/washer/dryer	H
5	2	409 13th Ave W.	$920	$184	$1,120	$224	some new carpet and lino	H
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr.#1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/washer dryer	D
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr.#2	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/washer dryer	D
5	2	2006 5th St. #A	$1,050	$210	$1,200	$240	High eff furnace, W/D, very large	3
5	2	121 W 13th Ave.	$1,125	$225	$1,275	$255	Excellent Location and Excellent condition	D
5	2	422 12th Ave. W	$1,125	$225	$1,275	$255	Nice house, large front porch, good location	H
5	2	2006 5th St. #C	$1,250	$250	$1,400	$280	New/Washer-Dryer/ HAS EVERYTHING	3
5	2	321 14th Av W	$1,250	$250	$1,400	$280	Close to campus, w/d, great house	H
6	1.5	221 4th St. W	$810	$135	$1010	$168	Wash/Dryer/Gas/N. Campus	H
6	2	1402 8th	$810	$135	$990	$165	Wash/Dryer/Gas Heat	H
6	2	504 10th	$840	$140	$1060	$177	Wash/Dryer/Gas Heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1,230	$205	$1,430	$238	Modern house/very large rooms/location	H
6	2+	408 18th Av W	$1,500	$250	$1,670	$278	Wonderful, w/d, close to campus	H
6	2+	921 8th St	$1,650	$275	$1,820	$303	Beautiful house, w/d, close to campus	H
6	2	115 17th Av W	$1,500	$205	$1,700	$233	House, location, w/d/New Construction	H
6	2+	121 1/2 W 13th Ave.	$1,560	$260	$1,710	$285	NEW CONSTRUCTION-SUPER LOCATION	D
6	2	205 W 17th Ave	$1,650	$275	$1,810	$300	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
6	2	205 W 17th Ave	$1,650	$275	$1,810	$300	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
6	2	205 W 17th Ave	$1,650	$275	$1,810	$300	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
6	2	602 1/2 12th Ave.	$1,590	$265	$1,740	$290	new. large bedrooms, next to campus	D
7	2	220 - 12th Ave. W.	$1,290	$184	$1,535	$219	Location/Washer Dryer/large yard	H
7	2	1321 2nd St. W.	$1,400	$200	$1,575	$225	Large / 2 living rooms / location	H
7	2	802 12th Ave.	$1,575	$215	$1,650	$235	Large modern house in excellent condit.	H
8	3	1421 S. Broadway	$1,800	$225	$2,000	$250	ONE OF THE BEST LARGER HOUSES!	H
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	Super condition/lots of room/location	H
12	3	1612 9th St.	$1,800	$150	$2,100	$175	Great location, Washer/Dryer/remodeled	H

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4	2	1721 7th St.	$1,000	$250	INC	INC	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
6	2	503 18th Ave	$1,250	$208	N/A	N/A	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
6	2	114A 17th Ave	$1050	$175	$1260	$210	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
7	2	1311 S. Broadway	$945	$136	$1,185	$198	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
8	2	1208 8th St.	$1,200	$150	$1,440	$180	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
9	2	1120 15th Ave	$1,440	$161	$1,730	$199	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
12	4	114 (A & B) 17th Ave	$2,100	$175	$2,330	$210	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE

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Once again, it's time to forget the heroes

Pop quiz: what selfless Americans heroes were supposed to be celebrated this past Monday?

Answer: the Veterans of our wars.

It's okay if you didn't remember that Veterans Day just passed because apparently, no one did.

Banks were open, flags weren't displayed in a proper patriotic fashion and no one called a random Vet and thanked him or her for keeping the American way of life safe.

Now, I don't want you to think that *The Stoutonia* is being hard on you for not remembering, because a lot of us forgot too.

The big issue here is the cynicism that we are all guilty of.

I seem to remember that last year, Veteran's Day was a monumental occasion. We trumpeted our Vets, praised them for their sacrifice and made a big to-do. But why was that?

In last year's post-9-11 climate, we were all about America, how great it is and how great it has always been; veterans were included.

Now, it seems that the mourning period is over. We are once again ready to care more about stupid crap like "The Bachelor" and football than the people that are fighting to keep our country safe.

I didn't really notice it until the glaring example of Veteran's Day was put before me. I didn't notice that no one cared about America again until I noticed that no one cared about Veteran's Day again.

I, for one, would like to apologize for forgetting to celebrate the Vets and would like to express my gratitude for their sacrifice.

I think we all need to remember these heroes all the time, not just when we've been feeling guilty about forgetting them.

VETERAN'S DAY QUIZ

(USE ONLY A #2 SOFT BLACK PENCIL)

1. Veterans's Day is an actual holiday.

◯ True ◯ False

2. I will get mail on this day.

◯ True ◯ False

3. What I was doing to remember this day:

(A) Taking a Nap

(B) Writing an essay on heroism of soldiers

(C) Watching the new Eminem movie

(D) All of the Above

There is never a better time than now



SOFTSPOKEN
Becky Hartung

As a Milwaukee native, I seldom make the long trek across the state to visit family. However, at this time every year, I always make an effort to travel to Green Bay to celebrate the birthday of my niece, who is also my goddaughter.

Last year, I found a ride at the last minute, just by chance, with guys I'd never met before. It was a risk well worth it, for that birthday celebration was the last time I saw my dad alive.

I remember that weekend like it was yesterday. Most of the family was there; we laughed, talked, played cards and had a blast together, just like always.

That weekend, dad and I had a heart-to-heart talk about life, his past, my future and the world in general. Before my parents left that Sunday, I gave him a big bear hug and told him how much I loved him. My last words were of love; I have nothing to regret.

Life's a precious thing. Just when you least expect, it's ruthlessly snatched away.

How often do you say hurtful things you don't mean? Have people done things that you can't forgive them for? Is there something you would like to tell someone but don't have the guts to? Do you simply forget to tell those close to you how important they are?

There's no better time than the present. Seize the day and make good use of the time you have, or you will be lost in the fast-moving winds of life.

You can't take back the things you say, but you can always make amends. Don't wait, do it today.

Things that may not be an issue for you now may be incredibly important in 10 years. Yet, if you wait too long, you may miss out on the opportunity to find that lost parent, forgive that one friend or tell that special someone you're in love.

With that in mind, Greta and Becca, you two are the greatest. Adam, you are the love of my life. Mom, you're awesome, and I hope I can be as great of a mom as you are.

And Daddy, I know that you are up there reading this. Just know that I will always be your little girl, and I hope that I'm successful in life and make you proud.

Advisor's column: The intricacies of a college newspaper

Advising vs Editing a Student Newspaper

Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press and that cannot be limited without being lost.

- Thomas Jefferson.

Now in my second year as the advisor to *The Stoutonia*, I have received many e-mails and phone calls about the content of the newspaper. To answer the questions I get most often, I respectfully requested some space on the editorial page.

Who makes decisions about what goes in the newspaper?

The section editors and ultimately the editor-in-chief make the decisions. While the reporters and editors often consult with me on how to approach a topic, they have final approval.

Why doesn't the advisor review stories before they go into the newspaper?

The advisor doesn't review stories prior to publication because that would be censorship. Forced prior review by the advisor would be no different legally than forced prior review by an outside administrator.

Isn't UW-Stout technically *The Stoutonia's* publisher and thus responsible for its content?

The editor-in-chief is the publisher. The courts consistently have held that, if an institution does not review the content of a student newspaper before publication, then it is not liable for that content – the student-journalists are.

Who do I contact with

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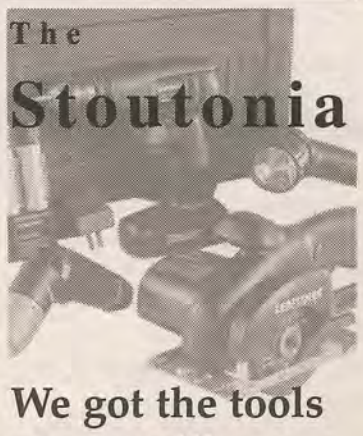
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Letters to the Editor

Much love for *The Stoutonia*

I am writing in regards to the "Nick Coenen Bashing" letter. I applaud the efforts of Mr. Coenen and Mr. Tracy. They are everyday students like us doing their job. And very well, I might add.

Not everyone has to agree or like what another one says, and we have the freedom of speech to voice our opinions. Even if it makes us look like an ass. Such as the case with the letter from Mr. Hannes, which was simply just rude and immature. I am writing this letter only to say that his statement "I think I speak for most everyone" is completely false. Trust me, he does not speak for "most everyone", and it is pretty arrogant of him to think he does. Lets try to be grown ups here, shall we?

I find Mr. Coenens articles to be often interesting and enjoyable to read. I may not always entertain the same thoughts and ideas, along with anyone else's all the time. But I guess being the open minded and fair person that I am, I don't think anything of it when I don't.

If you don't like the way someone writes, then don't read their text. It's that simple. If I don't like a certain band, I'm not going to sit and listen to them just so I can whine about how much I don't like them.

I think the statement alone "Nick Coenen is a tool" is a fabulous example of the pot calling the kettle black.

Sarah Dosdall

In regards to Michael Hannes letter:

Nick Coenen is not a tool. Nick is one of the hardest working individuals on this campus. I look forward to reading Nick's articles weekly. Sure, Nick is not going to be able to please everyone.

Michael, if you want it to stop, do something about it. Submit a resume, and if hired write articles that are up to your high standards. You definitely do not "speak for most everyone that has ever actually read the Stoutonia." Please put your ego aside and get realistic. You are one voice and if you want this to stop you need to take further actions.

I especially enjoyed your comment that "he's giving this school a bad name." I also read the article in U.S. News & World Report about America's college's that slammed UW-Stout in particular due to Nick Coenen's "poorly written articles" in our school newspaper. That was sarcasm if you didn't catch on Michael.

I must admit that my opinion on this matter is biased because I consider Nick a close friend. Nick did not put me up to this. I felt that your letter could not go without the flipside being looked at. "That's all."

Keegan O'Brien
Senior, Marketing Education

Student's voting tribulations

To the Editor

I worked the polls last Tuesday and all of us working at the former Court House were pleased to see the enthusiasm of the young people who turned out to vote.

Several young women from the high school volunteered to help us at the polls. They set up a table in the hall to greet voters as they approached the polls and were very efficient in helping them with the process of voting.

At 8 o'clock, just after we had closed the polls, a young woman who, we surmised, was a Stout student, came into the room, breathless, hoping to vote. We poll workers were distraught at having to tell her she was too late. She explained that she had gone to the Leisure Services Center to vote there, but was told she was in the wrong ward and was directed to Stout Commons. There she was again told she was in the wrong polling place and was directed to the Court House. The poor breathless young lady had practically run to the Court House, but she was just two minutes late. The polls had closed. She was near tears, and we poll workers were extremely sad that we had to turn her down. We did not know her name, but we would like to publicly acknowledge her willingness to go the extra mile to vote. We want her to know that we appreciate her patriotism. It is encouraging to find such enthusiasm for their patriotic duty that these young people displayed.

Yours truly,
Jean h. O'Neill

A tale of two schedules



WILLPOWER
William Christenson

Since it is the time of the year when everyone is trying to get registered, I felt that I should lodge my weekly complaint about that subject. I am paying for school here; the least the school can do for me in return is give me the classes that I need. That is good in theory, but not so good in practice.

Registration turns out to be a very stressful and frustrating time for many students. This is because our school does not spend the money we give it in appropriate ways, and registration is not set up in even a remotely logical fashion.

For a large portion of the student body here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, registration means picking whether to take three or four bowling classes, no offense meant to anyone who enjoys bowling. Everyone should be able to take the courses that they need for their major, at the very least.

Because of the lack of classes available to people, there is a lot of frustration and disappointment that goes along with registration. For me personally, these problems have contributed to my growing cynicism and dislike for this school, as well as the rest of the United States' school systems. If we pay for education here at UW-Stout, the least they could give us is EDUCATION.

Unfortunately, I doubt that this situation will ever be changed.

First of all, to solve these problems, the school would have to hire new professors, which would require them to stop wasting our tuition money on things like monthly entertainment budgets, cars, wasteful programs such as the laptop initiative and the new StoutOne Card. We all know that these things are SO essential to our education, because without them, like in the past hundred years, we would not be a Blue Ribbon School of excellence, which is more important than actually having classes available to students.

Also, solving this problem would require re-evaluating the way the school system is set up. Gasp! This would include thinking about whether it would be more productive to have more focused classes rather than tons of classes that are repetitive or counter-productive, and whether grading and standardized testing are even effective at all.

But, since I'm sure all of you reading this have already thought about all of these possibilities, and after careful evaluation, have decided that our school is perfect just the way it is, I would like to congratulate the administration, chancellor Sorenson and the whole University of Wisconsin system for a job well done!

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complaints or suggestions?

It is best to contact the section editor with complaints or questions. That doesn't mean, of course, that I won't be happy to speak with you. Yet, one of the most important lessons student journalists learn is accountability for what they print. If the advisor constantly serves as a buffer, those lessons can be diluted. By contacting the student editors first, you show them a measure of respect by acknowledging them as the newspaper's leaders.

Why does there seem to be so many grammatical errors in the newspaper?

Just as many student term papers are turned in with grammatical errors, many articles are turned in with errors. The copy editor catches most of them; some slip through the cracks. Please keep in mind that the average story includes 20 style or grammatical errors when it is turned in to the editor.

Does the First Amendment protect bad grammar, unclear writing, immature decision-making and less-than-sophisticated arguments?

Yes, it does and there lies the most delicate part of being a college newspaper advisor – defending students' right to publish what they want while not appearing to endorse what is sometimes less-than-perfect journalism.

What about inaccuracy?

The First Amendment protects that, too. What the First Amendment *doesn't* do is protect journalists from being sued for libel. Student newspapers and their employees are exposed to those risks. We're not playing newspaper here – this is for real.

College media advisors are primarily teachers. We answer our students' questions on topics ranging from libel law and how to conduct interviews to how to motivate a staff. We train, formally and informally, every day. We promote and defend our students' rights to do what they do, while also teaching and modeling ethics.

Stoutonia readers should remember that they are seeing the germination of great and important journalistic careers in the fertile soil of a free student press. While *The Stoutonia* is a "real" newspaper, it shouldn't be judged as if it were the Minneapolis *StarTribune*. After all, we don't expect the men's football team to play like the Green Bay Packers.

Kimberly Wilmot Voss
Stoutonia Advisor
Assistant Professor

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EDUCATION on the line



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Mary Mittlestadt
The Stoutonia

Students chose to attend the University of Wisconsin-Stout for many reasons, and for the most part, all want to be here. However, some may be putting expensive educations and valuable time on-the-line by failing to do minimum requirements to pass classes thus landing themselves on academic probation.

Academic probation status is the notification that a student is not performing to UW-Stout's academic standards, and that they must improve if they wish to continue attending classes here.

Last fall, there were 188 students on academic probation at UW-Stout, and 81 students last spring. These numbers did not include students transferring into the school who were already on probationary status or those returning from a dismissal status.

"We see fewer [students on probation] in spring than in fall ... because if you end up on it in fall, in spring you are either back to good standing or are in dismissal," said Joan Thomas, assistant dean of students.

There are two levels of academic standing that are above probation.

First, there is good academic standing, which means that a student holds a GPA of at least a 2.0.

Then, there is acceptable academic standing, which refers to students who carry less than a 2.0 but are not placed on probationary status. This situation applies to students that have less than 30 credits.

Those with 0-14.5 credits are required to carry a minimum of a 1.8 GPA, while those with 15-29.5 credits are required to carry a minimum of a 1.9 GPA to be in good standing. Once a student reaches 30 credits, the minimum requirement of a 2.0 GPA is needed for a student to stay off academic probation.

Tips for student success:

•Thoroughly read each class syllabus
•Purchase an academic planner/date-book and record important dates. Great for quizzes, paper and project due dates and especially finals.
•Get to know your professors and let them get to know you
•Attend classes. Students who attend class regularly achieve better grades
•Learn how to add or drop classes
•Sit up front. Students say that sitting in the front row helps them to stay alert and tuned in to the presentation
Develop a regular sleep pattern. A regular schedule will improve your sleep and reduce stress.
Evaluation week is the last week of the semester – mark your calendar.

source: University Counseling Center

"They [the administration] sent me a letter at my old school [University of Wisconsin-Barron County] saying that I was on probation," said Alison Christensen, a freshman and Interior Design major.

When Christensen began attending UW-Stout, she was not required to attend any certain classes for students on probation because of her status. This is not always the case, however.

According to Thomas, there are different conditions of acceptance determined for each individual transfer student that is admitted to UW-Stout on academic probation.

Students were usually notified in the past that they had slipped onto academic probation by standard mail and e-mail. However, new changes are scheduled to appear for students.

"We are going to start using primarily e-mail; it will also be on a student's Access Stout transcript, and link to a website."

"I don't think it's a big deal...I don't need to be watched over," Christensen

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Students here to serve

Upperclassmen are required to prepare a meal to pass onto the next level

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia



courtesy of http://www.uwstout.edu/chd/rendezvous/index.htm

Students in the restaurant operations course plan and prepare a multiple-course meal for guests, put on in the rendezvous located in the home economic building.

There are a few times in a person's life when the term milestone is used. Graduations, marriages and childbirths are events that society considers important. However, during a student's career at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, there are smaller milestones within one's major that test if one will be successful in a chosen field.

The majors that have to take quantity food production (Q.F.P.) and restaurant operations are hotel, restaurant and tourism management, dietetics, food systems and technology and sometimes, technology and business students. The milestones that come in these classes are unlike any other on the UW-Stout campus.

Q.F.P. and restaurant operations are two courses offered at UW-Stout to give students real-world knowledge and preparation in the restaurant business. Throughout both courses, students learn about restaurants in a hands on process by being in charge of their own meal.

"Quantity food production (Q.F.P.) and Corner III, located in the southwest corner of the home economics building, go hand-in-hand helping students learn the components of food service," said Philip McGuirk, a professor of the Q.F.P. course.

Q.F.P. puts on a lunch at Corner III that is open to the public Tuesday- Thursday from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. The students who are in charge of the day's meal are also responsible to advertise the event. They prepare for to serve about 125 customers and are partly graded on how many people attend their meal.

The restaurant operations course, which is more advanced compared to Q.F.P., is a more formal dinner that is held Monday-Wednesday and requires a reservation.

"I consider it one of the most valuable classes in my major," Mike Ploetz, a senior in hospitality and tourism management said.



The restaurant operation meal is set up for about 30 people, and students generally have their family and friends come.

"This is total team effort on one hand," said Peter D'Souza, professor of restaurant operations. "On the other, [it is] management experience to make them successful."

Both types of meals take a lot of planning, training and preparation to make sure that everything runs smoothly. The students that take these courses work very hard to meet the expectations that are set for them.

"The ultimate objective is to really prepare students as successful managers, regardless of where they go," D'Souza said.

Students have a fun and interesting learning process when they are able to actually practice the job they will be doing instead of just reading out of a textbook.

"I think it's a really good experience because once you're out in the field, nothing is going to be out of a book; it will all be hands on," said Kelly O'Connell, a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management.



O'Connell, joined by Jon Corey, also a senior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management, completed a restaurant operations meal on Tuesday night. They both strived to make the night perfect and have everything run smoothly.

"I have high expectations," Corey said. "I want to do well for the class and the teacher's expectations."

O'Connell and Corey both anticipated the night to run smoothly, and in the end, the night turned out to be a success with no major problems for the staff.

Students who want to take restaurant operations must first pass Q.F.P.

"Q.F.P. and restaurant operations are different in that in Q.F.P.; you're making food for 100 people versus 30 people in restaurant operations," said Corey. "It also serves differently."

Not only do the students in the courses enjoy learning in a way that actually prepares them for the real world, but other students do not mind the break from the usual meals at the Terrace, Commons or Tainter.

"The food is always really great and it's inexpensive," said Cassie Johnson, a hotel, restaurant and tourism sophomore.

Sarah Starkey, a sophomore in hotel, restaurant and tourism management agrees with Johnson.

"When you go to meals you're helping to support the major and what they do and benefiting yourself by getting great food," Starkey said.

It's important for these students to learn this way because they will be entering a cut-throat field when they leave UW-Stout.

"We experience every aspect of managing a full service fine-dining restaurants," Ploetz said. "It's kinda like the capstone of the H and T degree."

"I don't want to waste my vacation going to school!"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

As winter break closely approaches, people will have to decide whether or not they want to stay in Menomonie and attend Winterm classes or go home.

Select classes are crammed into a three-week period allowing students to squeeze in one or two more class while others take the month off.

I am choosing not to sacrifice my winter break to take a four hour class four days a week. I would much rather spend my vacation at home where I can easily visit the cities and see old friends. Plus, I can get needed hours in at work to attempt to pay off my continuously increasing debt.

As much as I love the University of Wisconsin-Stout, I can only take so much of doing nothing. Menomonie doesn't offer that many opportunities for work or recreation. I try to find new and creative ideas of things to do around town, but my options are limited.

Also, with my hectic semester, an academic break is necessary for my sanity if I want to survive second semester.

Staying in Menomonie for the summer to take classes is even more unappealing to me than staying over the winter.

The university's four year plan is far beyond my reach due to the fact that I added a 22 credit minor onto my 127 credit major. I am aware that at some point in my college career, I will have to take a Winterm class and/or summer classes, and possibly more than one time. I am just not ready to give up this vacation time to take more classes.

My only source of income in Menomonie is *the Stoutonia*, and sadly we will not be in print over the break, so if I stay in town, I will be temporarily unemployed.

Unless I find another source of income, Winterm is not a feasible option for me this year.

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SSA budgeting for change

SSA held budget hearings for organizations who want money

Belinda Lewis
Tiffany Laschinger
The Stoutonia

GET INVOLVED is not just a promotion to increase the student population in organizations, but it is also a reminder to students that even if you are not involved in any organization, you are still paying for them to keep running.

Tuition is steep for some. Many students do not look on their bill to see the small charge printed next to tuition.

This is a charge for segregated fees. Segregated fees are the money paid back into the school for student programs, the Student Center, University Police, textbook rentals, student health and campus organizations such as Blue Devil Productions, club sports and *The Stoutonia*.

After all students have put in their money, the segregated fees fund available to student organizations totals approximately $330,000.

Last week budget hearings were held by the Stout Student Association (SSA). Headed by Dave Hay, the Financial Affairs committee director, the committee heard each event put on by each of the organizations on campus.

"We look over 51 organizations and their sponsored events," Hay said. "There are over 300 events [planned] for next year."

They analyze each event on the basis of its value for Stout students, how many students attend, and how much fundraising is done independently for each event. All funded events must be open to all students.

The budget process has changed from last year, due to a case at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Southworth vs. Board of Regents went all the way to the Supreme Court. It was argued that Madison's process was playing favorites toward organizations that weren't necessarily giving back to the school. The court determined that money had to be distributed event by event, instead of lump sums for individual organizations.

This is a nation-wide change that was implemented for public colleges beginning in the 2003-04 school year.

Different organizations call for different amounts of resources, and this ruling will allow schools to allocate funds based on the educational merit of proposed events.

They cannot look at the past year's budget to determine the future allocation of funds for organizations. It is all based on scheduled events that are outlined in a form submitted by each organization before the hearing.

Hay and his committee spent many hours last week analyzing every student organization event that may or may not be happening next year.

"Sixty-three hours were spent going through hearings with all organizations," Hay said. "Then we spent the weekend going through all of the [written proposals]."

Even with all of the reminders that Hay tried to get out to student organizations, a few did not make the hearings and thus, were cut from university funding.

Due to a misinterpretation of information, Wisconsin Marketing Management Association (WMMA) missed the deadline to sign up for a budget hearing which led to a loss in funding for next year.

"From the e-mails indicated, we thought [budget] hearings were next week," Ryan Motilall, a sophomore in general business management, said. "Even though most of this was our fault, I think we should have been given more lee-way."

Hay said, "We make every effort to include all organizations, but some fell through the cracks."

With the new law implemented and budget cuts, SSA has been working hard to make this process professional yet easy for student leaders to follow.

"Since budget cuts are tight and they wanted to stick to a deadline, we didn't get a second chance," Motilall said.

Students can utilize their segregated fees, by utilizing what the university has to offer, including organizations.

"Students pay for it," Hay said. "It's everywhere around [you]."

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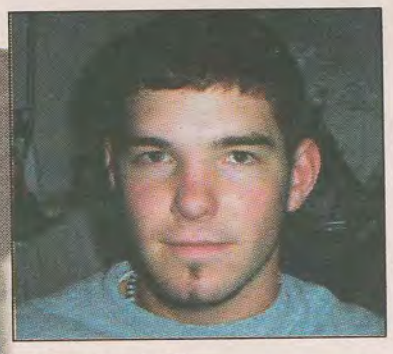
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Campus Slant

What new Ben and Jerry's ice cream flavor would you create?



"Brad Pitt so he can melt in my mouth."
~Nelisena Johnson,
Jr., psychology



"Wapatuie!"
~Seth Maier
Soph., undecided



"Chocolate Cherry Crunch."
~Chris Folbreght
Soph., technical education

"S'mores ice cream."
~Kim Reistad
Fr., retail merchandise



Next Week:

What would you do if you woke up with spurs for hands?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Best of Menomonie 2002

BEST...

date place		campus event	
greek organization		resident adviser	
restaurant		bartender	
landlord		grocery store	
on-campus job		liquor store	
off-campus job			
party house			
bar atmosphere			
drink special			
women's sport			
mens sport			
intramural/club sport			
professor/faculty			
hair salon			
campus organization			
late night munchies			
athlete			
residence hall			
non-alcoholic activity			

WORST...

campus rule	
on campus job	
party house	
bouncer at bar	
place to wake up	
place to live	

Rules...

1. Best of Menomonie ballots are to be handed into the Stoutonia boxes around campus.
2. Deadline for ballots is TUESDAY DECEMBER 3RD.
3. Only one ballot per student please.
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Little shop of TOYS

Amanda Dobbratz
The Stoutonia

The profile of downtown Menomonie is slowly changing. New, student-friendly shops like Board to Death Sports, Mystic Impressions and Johnny Lunchbox provide more eclectic shopping options to counter the abundant retail chains.

One little shop that houses a plethora of vintage treasures to fit the discriminating student's budget is Johnny Lunchbox.

Johnny Lunchbox opened its doors last May. Mike Tarr and Renee Carrell own the shop, located at 335 East Main Street, just down the block from The Buck.

The owners may be better known from the nefarious, yet ever essential, Penco Artist's Supply.

"I've always been an antique nut, and Renee's always been a thrift sale junk fan," said Tarr. "We realized what isn't Menomonie doing? Something that would be kind of like a second-hand shop for students as opposed to an antique store which nobody can afford anything and antiques are too serious. Whereas, kitschy stuff and retro stuff has a sense of humor, and it's affordable."

Johnny Lunchbox specializes in housewares and linens from the 1940s to 1960s. Everything is reasonably priced for the college budget. Items range in class from designer furniture to campy velvet Elvis paintings. In addition, the store has an excellent record collection as well as beautiful old hats.

> "It's kind of like your own little toy chest every time you go in."
>
> **Leslie Ostrander**
> *senior, studio art*

Patrons of the store see a niche filled by the shop.

"I think that it's nice to finally have a store that's interesting," said Leslie Ostrander, senior in studio art. "[Johnny Lunchbox is] a little funkier than Goodwill because [Goodwill] is usually picked over before anyone can find anything cool."

"I thought it was a good place for interpreting culture of the 50s and the 60s, and seeing a lot of things you would find in your grandmother's attic. You have better quality stuff and a variety of things," said Kim Klein, a senior in graphic design.

The name of the store came from Saturday Night Live (SNL), during the Norm MacDonald era. One of SNL's weekly sketches, Weekend Update, features a character played by Colin Quinn who refers to working class people as Joe Lunchbox.

Tarr and Carrell took a play on this name for their store because they liked the connotations it has of working class values and a good sense of humor.

"Everytime you go in there it's something different and there's always stuff you've never seen before that you think is new," said Ostrander. "It's kind of like our own little toy chest every time you go in."



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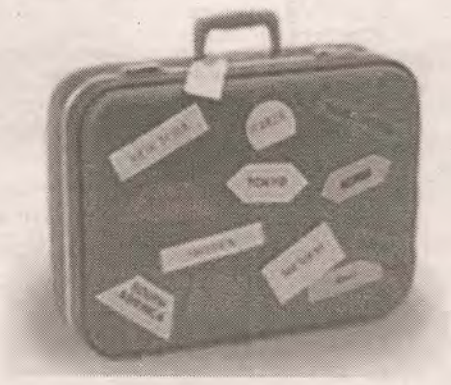
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Putting the E back in Menomonie

Pop.
Weekdays.....14,973
Weekends.....6

Photo Illustration by: Brad Homan



We all know people leave. But why?

Nick Coenen
The Stoutonia

A walk through the Johnson Fieldhouse parking lot is usually a maze of cars during the week. Then Thursday afternoon rolls around. Suddenly the lot looks like a make-shift airport with empty spaces as far as the eye can see.

It has always been understood that the University of Wisconsin-Stout is a "suit-case campus," but this understanding is rarely questioned. Why do people leave? Why do people stay? What would it take to keep more people here?

"I go home every weekend," said sophomore psychology major Emily Brown. "I have a boyfriend and a job back home though."

Brown comes from Osseo, Wis. which is a short 45 minutes from Menomonie, Wis. This relatively short driving distance Brown also said contributed to the frequency of trips home.

On the other end of the distance spectrum, sophomore engineering technology major Chris Wildenberg calls Kaukauna, Wis. home which is close to four hours away.

"I have no car and it's too far to really go home," said Wildenberg.

For those that are stuck at UW-Stout, the search for something to pass the time is fairly limited. This may account for the large number of people that go home, but most of those that do stay contend they would not want to go home if they could.

"I get a lot done," said Crystal Engler, sophomore general business from Waukesha, Wis. "We meet more people, go to parties, or just come up with sparatic things to do."

The creative spirit that sparks things to do aside from drinking seems fairly contagious for those that spend multiple weekends in Menomonie. From trips to Minneapolis to go to a casino to the more outlandish like applying for library cards at as many local libraries as possible, some people always find something to do.

This isn't to say some new entertainment would be rejected by the students.

"It's hopeless since this is such a small town," said Wildenberg of the state of entertainment in Menomonie.

As small as Menomonie may be, does that mean that it can not support even the smallest of entertainment businesses? Do new things need to be created or does an old dog just need to learn new tricks?

"We just need local bands to play on the weekends," said Todd Dex, junior technology education major. "It just seems like nothing can stay in business long enough here."

The future of entertainment may look bleak for now, but there is always next weekend.

What Menomonie Needs to Keep the Kids From Fleeing

- A carnival with amusement park rides (and carnie folk)
- Festivals on Main St. (a different one each month)
- Local bands at bars on weekends
- A casino with lots of slot machines and old people
- Under 21 club that requires college ID to enter
- A large concert venue to bring in bands from the cities

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College University passes test



TESTPATTERN
Matt Tracy, Esq.

If you are anything like me, you tend to run out of quality websites to look at on the internet. It seems that in the thousands of things on the internet, only a few are of any quality.

So, if you are looking for a new for quality website, I suggest you check out College University. Provided you haven't gotten sick of jokes about college life, this site is sure to make you laugh.

The basic theme of College University is just what you would think it is, a cartoon about the misadventures of college students. The two main characters in this case are Parks and Mike. They are high school friends who are now college roommates.

What sets it apart from the rest of the nation's institutes for higher learning is that College University, yes that is the school's name, is the only university to admit both human and primates. Trust me, it's funny.

What makes this cartoon work is the fact that it seems to have a pretty good grasp of kitsch. They use the most obscure pop culture references, which makes them the best. The creators, brothers Mike and Andy Parker, are also adept at dialogue that is perfect for the one-liners that make conversation even better.

On the technical side, the animation is excellent, yet presented in the sort of jerky motion that gave South Park it flavor. Another plus is that the site tends to load rather fast. Though the file sizes are large, students with high-speed access on campus should have no trouble downloading each episode rather quickly.



Courtesy of: www.collegeuniv.com

In a world wide web of boring sites, College University.com adds some humor. Episodes are comprised of funny one-liners and pop culture references aimed at a college audience.

As far as the actual content analysis of the cartoon, I will say that it is some of the funniest dialogue I have heard this side of "The Simpsons." In reality, the series tends to skew a little more toward the old and infrequent, yet constantly funny, FOX cartoon "The Family Guy." Not quite at a knock-off level, it is more of the "imitation is the sincerest form of flattery" type of homage.

When you run out of things to look at on the internet, or have a few spare minutes, check out http://www.collegeuniv.com and have a laugh.

Tomorrow brings no surprises



ALBUMREVIEW
Bill Denney

SR-71, known for its pop rock tune "Right Now" a couple years back, has released another album entitled "Tomorrow," god save us all.

Mitch Allan and his boys Mark, Jeff and John--sounds like a regular lineup of apostles--give us driving beats, fast-paced lyrics and a peculiarly advertised bonus track, which I thought was supposed to be hidden and secret. Music, if you can call it that, ensues.

I'll be frank: the record is utterly bland, generic MTV rock--nothing at all revolutionary. Produced by Butch Walker, formerly of The Marvelous 3, it's not all that different from about 2,873 other records. Yes, I counted....

"It's fast and it's got a good beat, but it sounds just like all their other stuff," said Nick Erdmann, a sophomore in hotel, restaurant and tourism management.

So, why get this one instead of another Green Day CD? Well, the guys are cute, and are on "TRL," right? Fair enough, buy it. Musically, though, this does sound a lot like Green Day and Silverchair. It's full of simple, poppy little songs about girls and what they can do for the singer.



Courtesy of: the official SR-71 website

SR-71's sophomore album, "Tomorrow," is less than impressive and brings nothing new to the world of pop-rock tunes.

"It's not too bad; at least you can understand the words," said Justin Bodus, a freshman in construction. "But I wouldn't listen to it."

Occasionally, the lyrics get rude--because they are hardcore and from the street. "She Was Dead" is a good example, and there's also the typical, pathetic attempt at sounding emotional and true, but there's nothing new to be heard on this sophomore release from SR-71.

The English punk band, The Buzzcocks, popular circa 1976-77, did all this stuff as well as it could be done before these guys were born, so really, it's only down to how nice they look in a video.

Let me put another way: if these guys weighed 300 pounds and had mullets, would they be famous?

Nope.

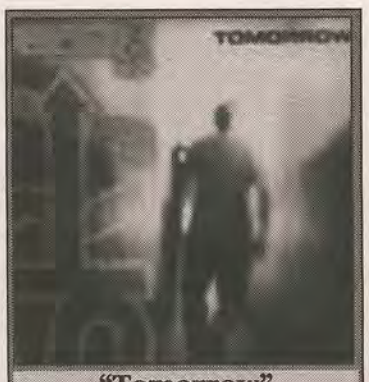
Every town of any size has a half-dozen bands like this, and it's just a combination of good looks, work ethic and payoff money deciding which one gets the cash and which one stays working on a landscape crew. It's got nothing to do with talent, or lack thereof; it's just a matter of timing.

When the first person listed in the credits on this CD is the person in charge of getting the band signed and serviced, you know the band understands who's got them by the balls, and intelligently gives them props. Oh well, at least there's hope that maybe these guys realize that they're not any more talented than one of my friends' bands.

If your description of why you like this band, if you do, includes the word cute, then you are no different from your mother and her affection for Barry Manilow. Think about it.

In the end, I give the sophomore release of SR-71 two out of five stars. I'll probably rethink this in a week, however, due to the fact that I'll be singing some of these songs into December, though be it utter crap.

You sing them for the same reason you sing Britney Spears. Not because of the quality of the music, but because of those damn record execs. They really know how to give you something to hate, but learn to love in time. I'll try my best not to, though.



"Tomorrow"
-SR-71
Bill says: *"The album is bland and generic."*
How it rates:
★★☆☆☆

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Eminem a major sell out?



Courtesy of: movies.com

Eminem made his debut last Friday in "8 Mile" with Brittany Murphy, who plays his girlfriend.



MOVIEREVIEW
Kim Hauschildt

Many music professionals, such as Vanilla Ice and Bon Jovi, have tried the acting scene. The question is, will Eminem lose himself in his acting debut?

Last Friday, Eminem's movie, "8 Mile" hit the box office.

Fans flocked to see the unveiling of the star rap artist's autobiography, which included other stars such as Kim Basinger and Brittany Murphy.

In Detroit, 8 Mile Road is the dividing line between the city's white and black residents.

Eminem's character, Jimmy Smith Jr., lives on this border with his verbally abusive mother, played by Basinger. She tells him that he is nothing, and that he will never amount to anything but a factory worker.

Jimmy has dreams of becoming a famous rap artist and land a deal to get himself out of this horrible living situation. There is a weekly showdown of the local rappers on the other side of 8 Mile. Jimmy tries it, gets on stage and chokes.

This doesn't stop him.

Along his trial and tribulations, Jimmy meets Alex, played by Murphy, who is also trying to find a ticket out. The two fall for each other. Alex pushes Jimmy to achieve his dream, and Jimmy tries to muster the nerve to get in front of people and show them his true ability.

Will they get out of Detriot and start their big lives together?

Guess you'll have to watch and find out.

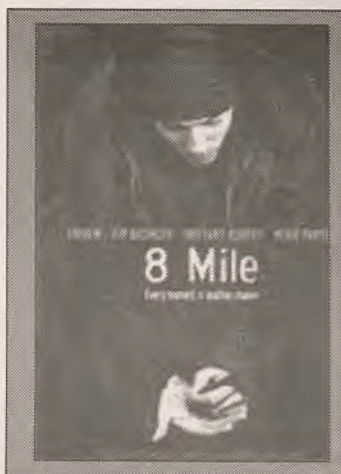
Apparently, "8 Mile" was hard to get tickets for this weekend.

"I tried to get tickets two different times, and it was sold out," said Janelle Klander, a sophomore in general business administration. "I really wanted to go, but I guess I'll have to wait."

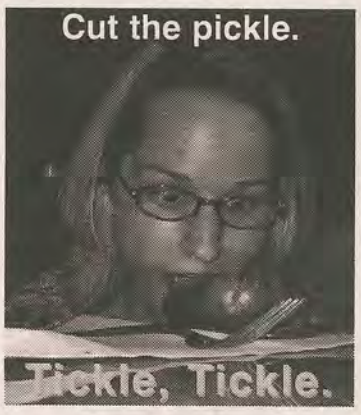
This movie offers laughs and emotion. It draws you in, making you feel for the characters and their situation. The characters prove to be very interesting and the plot isn't boring.

"8 Mile" is good for college students, particularly Eminem fans. Others who don't know or care for Eminem can still see this movie and be satisfied.

One can always expect a good show from Academy Award-winning director Curtis Hanson.



"8 Mile"
starring Eminem and Brittany Murphy
Kim says: *"Eminem fans, get in line."*
How it rates:
★★½☆☆



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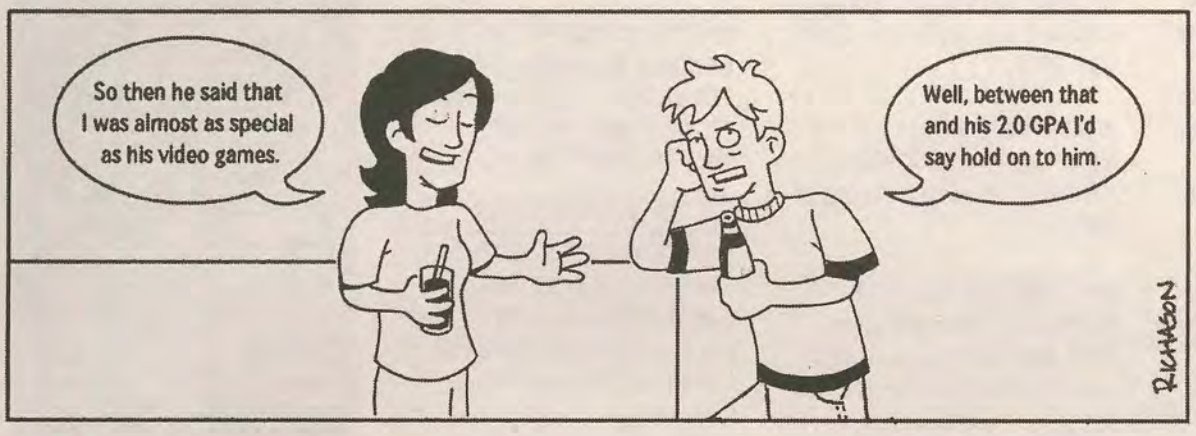
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Iceless hockey arena no good

Jessie Krejci
The Stoutonia



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Ice hockey, as the title suggests, is best played on ice. This became even more evident last week when the Dunn County arena's floor broke down and its ice melted.

How does a coach expect a team to get better? With practice, of course.

However, while two teams on campus prepared for upcoming games, they had their only practice venue taken away for two days due to a broken compressor at the Dunn County Arena.

Upon arriving to practice at the Dunn County Arena, the teams found that their domain of ice had transformed into a puddle of slush.

"When arriving to practice that night, I didn't know what to think; we had our first game that weekend and didn't even know who was playing on what lines," sophomore and tri-captain Amy Larson said.

The compressor that keeps the ice cold decided to take a break, or more accurately, just break down.

An ice arena is kept cold by a continuous flow of pipelines underneath the ice. This pipeline has an anti-freeze-like solution in it to keep the temperature low and the half inch of ice frozen.

It was cold outside the night the floor broke, so the arena doors were kept open to keep the inside of the building as chilled as possible. Unfortunately, this was not much help, considering that the ice turned to slush and the concrete layer of the floor could be seen.

"A pipe blew causing anti-freeze to leak," ice arena worker Steve Schlemn said.

This was fixed quickly, but not quick enough for the teams to get their last practice in before the weekend.

While the men's hockey team was preparing for the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point and the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the women were getting ready for the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

"Most teams that we play have an arena on campus," said Larson. "Meaning they can practice more than twice a week and at better times than 10 p.m."

Many may wonder why the hockey teams don't have their own areana.

This question goes back six years when the University of Wisconsin-Stout Student Senate came to a resolution on the new recreation complex. This included the weight room, new football and softball fields, a ropes course and creating an on campus soccer field. At the time, an ice arena would not have benefited enough students on campus to spend that sort of money on the project.

According to Terry Eikamp, a member of the athletics staff, the Student Senate felt that the new complex would benefit the UW-Stout community more than building an ice arena. This was also when women's hockey was not playing, so instead of benefiting the 60 students that are currently on the two UW-Sout teams, it would have only benefited 30 players.

Not having an ice arena on campus leaves the hockey teams as the only teams that practice and play all of their games off campus.

Bob Johnson, assistant vice chancellor of student life services said funding a location somewhere on campus for an ice arena would be a future concern.

The students from six years ago had the foresight to benefit the current student body. Even though they were never able to use the new weight room, win a game at Don and Nona Williams Stadium or complete the ropes course, they let the current generation benefit.

UW-Stout currently rents its ice time from the Menomonie Youth Hockey Association (MYHA). MYHA rents the space on the Dunn County Fairgrounds, but hopes to buy its own plot of land and build an arena. This new arena would be a more up-to-date facility that would benefit the MYHA, Menomonie High School and UW-Stout.

Currently, UW-Stout students will continue to cheer for the hockey teams even if they have to go two miles off campus to do so.

Chunky milk or just cottage cheese?



FITLIVING
Ann Syrstad

Many people badmouth cottage cheese, whining that it tastes bad and can't be used in recipes. Yet, many other University of Wisconsin-Stout students feel that cottage cheese is underrated. To overlook cottage cheese is to do without a great source of lean protein and versatility in one's diet.

Thus, I am making it my mission to give cottage cheese the recognition it so greatly deserves.

It is high in protein, low in fat and readily available at even the most quaint convenience stores. It's practically the food of the gods.

The process of making cottage cheese is also interesting. it is the fresh drained curds of slightly soured, low-fat, pasteurized milk. When the curds are drained, the cheese is called cottage cheese; allow the curds to drain longer and it is called pot cheese. Press the remaining moisture out so it becomes dry and crumbly, and it is called farmer's cheese.

Did you know that it takes 100 pounds of milk to make just 15 pounds of cottage cheese?

Cottage cheese is an adaptable source of protein for table use, snacks, salad and baking.

The flavor goes well with fresh vegetables or condiments, such as peppers and tomatoes, as well as with fruits, such as pineapple, peaches or berries. Low-fat cottage cheese can be used to replace higher-fat cream cheese in desserts such as cheesecake and Danish pastries, and it's good in savory baked dishes such as lasagna and some hot dishes.

"I enjoy eating a bowl of cottage cheese drizzled with French dressing," says Tim Coulson, a sophomore majoring in business administration from Plum City, Wis. "It doesn't sound very good, but trust me...you gotta try it."

Kim Borchard, a junior hospitality and tourism major, says, "I love sprinkling chow mein noodles and sunflower seeds over my cottage cheese."

Dairy foods also have many advantages crucial to a healthy sports diet, including protein, calcium and iron. Yet, for many people, especially those who diet, foods high in calcium are often omitted because they are perceived to be too high in fat.

According to sports nutritionists at http://www.moomilk.com, athletes are encouraged to devour low-fat dairy products rich in calcium.



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Cottage cheese is a healthy snack that can be eaten with any meal. But who knew people took pictures of the stuff?

Two dairy foods in particular that can easily fit into a sports diet are cottage cheese and yogurt. They both offer many low fat health benefits and can be eaten a variety of ways.

So give cottage cheese a whirl. You don't know what you're missing!

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Reviewing the week in sports

Joe Pollock
The Stoutonia

Volleyball

It's all over. The University of Wisconsin-Stout volleyball team has wrapped up its record-breaking season.

The Blue Devils, 31-6, ended the season on a positive note, finishing third in the WIAC tournament. Although the team obviously would have rather won the tournament, it has a lot to be proud of.

The 31 victories were the second most in school history, just two shy of the record set by the 1994 team. The Lady Devils also broke four team records and came close to a couple of others.

The team set new marks for most assists, hitting attempts and digs. It also tied team records for team hitting percentage and came up just short in block assists and kills.

As the team finished well in so many team categories, it was fitting that four Blue Devil players were named to the All-WIAC Volleyball Squad.

Outside hitter Brooke Viegut, a junior from Abbotsford, Wis. and middle hitter Tanille Zenner, a freshman from Athens, Wis. were both named to the first team. Setter Laura Bogenschultz, a junior from Baxter, Minn., received an honorable mention, and Erin Heger, a sophomore from Chaska, Minn., was named to the all-defensive team.

Congratulations on a great season!

Football

It was gut-check time for the Blue Devils, 7-2, last weekend. The team traveled to the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, needing a win for the opportunity to take the conference title outright.

However UW-Whitewater had other ideas. The Warhawks were able to pull off the upset, dashing the Blue Devils' title hopes in a 24-21 victory.

UW-Whitewater attacked immediately with 17 unanswered points in the first quarter.

In the second, the Blue Devils showed heart, bouncing back with 14. After cutting the lead to three points, only a missed field goal by the Blue Devils separated the teams at the half.

The rough start had almost been erased, and the Blue Devils seemed to have the momentum going into the third quarter. All was going well as the Blue Devils lined up for a 42-yard field goal midway through the quarter.

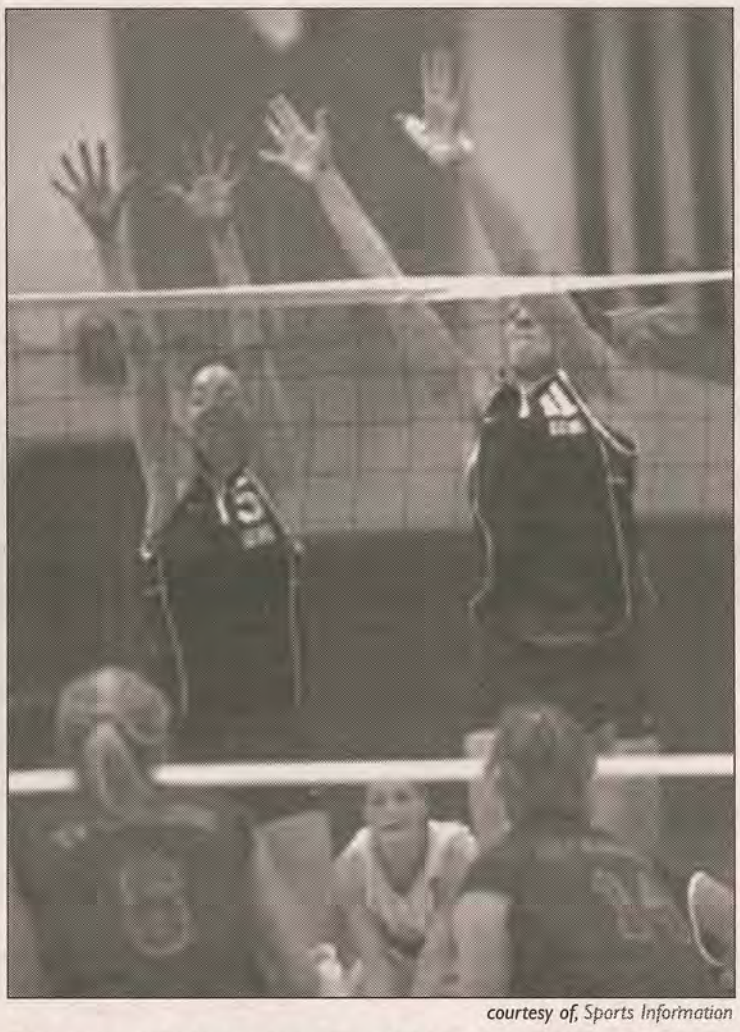
This is when the Blue Devil's momentum officially ended. The kick was blocked.

UW-Whitewater's Joe Mabry snagged the bouncing pigskin and took it 66 yards to the house. The touchdown gave UW-Whitewater a 24-14 lead that would not be given up.

Now things are getting really interesting for the Blue Devils, as the team heads into the final week of the regular season. The team must defeat the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse to gain a share of the conference title.

UW-La Crosse is currently alone in first and controls its own destiny. With a win, it will take the title outright.

Interestingly, the Eagles will be the final WIAC team to play on the artificial turf at Don and Nona Williams Stadium. The home field should give the Blue Devils a strong advantage as the teams do battle on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 1 p.m.



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The volleyball team had one of the best seasons in school history, but it finished third in the WIAC tournament.

Hockey

The opponent was defending national champion, University of Wisconsin-Superior, and the task was monumental.

The Blue Devils traveled to UW-Superior's home ice last Friday to battle a team that most thought would easily handle the Blue Devils, who were 2-4.

However, the Blue Devils fought hard and took the Yellowjackets into overtime, tied 0-0. In the end, it was UW-Superior that found the goal in the extra period, handing the Blue Devils a heartbreaking, 1-0 loss on the road.

The next night, the Blue Devils traveled to St. Scholastica to try to get back on the winning track. Nobody would have guessed that this finish would be even more outlandish than the previous night's.

Again it was the Blue Devils who felt the sting of a loss. This time, the decider was a power play goal with just five seconds remaining that lifted St. Scholastica to a 3-2 victory.

After a tough and disappointing weekend for the Blue Devils, the team will be anxious to get back to its home ice. The non-conference game against Hamline University will be held at the Dunn County arena on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Remember, students get in free with a Stout ID.

Boarder rivals face-off



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Boarder rivalry is a large part of our campus lives here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Wisconsin's got its cows and cheese while Minnesota has its lakes and Craig Kilborn. Advantage Minnesota.

Week 11 in the NFL brings up possibly the best bragging rights to that boarder rivalry with the first meeting between the Packers and the Vikings. Let's see how the teams match up.

The midseason MVP Brett Favre and his Packers are bringing the best record in the league (8-1) to the Thunder Dome. To defend their home turf, the Vikings will be starting the worst quarterback in the NFC. Advantage Wisconsin.

Some of the questions coming into this game for the Packers are tough ones like, "During which quarter should they start playing Doug Peterson?" And "Should they start their backups for the sake of good sportsmanship?"

Questions facing the Vikings are not so simple. First year head coach Mike Tice is working with a patchwork defense and a depleted offensive line. Of course that doesn't explain why he continues to start Daunte Culpepper who is doing his season-long "What if I were Jon Kitna" experiment.

At least the team finally came to terms with its size 18 shoe first round draft pick, Bryant McKinnie.

If the Vikings were serious about winning this weekends game they would start Todd Bauman. Culpepper seems to be able to only complete passes to players he doesn't share a locker room with.

On the other end of the QB spectrum is Favre. He has been demolishing defenses this season. Sometimes I think he throws touchdowns just because he feels like it.

Which is good, because Ahman Green will find that the only defense the Vikings bother to play is run defense.

This will be only the tenth game of the season for the Packers, but the team will already be able to clinch the division if they beat the Vikings and the Jets beat the Lions. So I guess that means Packer's Head Coach Mike Sherman might as well start thinking about which team he would like to face in the second round of the playoffs.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Jeff Dotson



The Facts:
Junior
Goalie, 6-3, 190
Chanhassen, Minn.
Hospitality & Tourism

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Blue Devil goalie Jeff Dotson put on a stellar performance Friday, Nov. 8, kicking away 48 shots against defending national champion University of Wisconsin-Superior. The Blue Devils took the game into overtime before falling, 1-0, on the Yellowjackets home ice.

Career:

Dotson set the school record for best GAA in a season with 2.94. He was named national and WIAC player of the week after kicking aside 57 shots in 2-1 win over River Falls.

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A Blue Devil basketball bash!

Curt Trnka
The Stoutonia

You can have free tuition for a semester. That is provided you attend the Blue Devil Basketball Bash, compete in the half court shot competition and win.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout's men's and women's basketball teams will be holding their second annual Basketball Bash to kick off the Blue Devil basketball season. Men's head coach Ed Andrist calls the event the biggest basketball party of the year. The bash will be held Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Johnson Fieldhouse.

Entertainment for the night will involve intrasquad scrimmages from both teams, a number of basketball contests, a live deejay and prize drawings every five minutes.

The contests include 3-point shooting, free throw shooting, slam-dunk and shooting for time. A half court shot contest for UW-Stout students will be held with the prize being one free semester of tuition.

Among the prizes to be given away are cash prizes, televisions, VCRs, T-shirts, gift certificates, UW-Stout basketballs, deluxe car washes, sandwich coupons and athletic gear.

The event is free and open to the public.

"Our goal is to have 2,000 people in the stands and competing in the various contests." said coach Andrist. "This is going to be an absolute blast. I want a student to walk out with a free semester of tuition."

What: Blue Devil Basketball Bash

When: 7:00-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 19th

Where: Johnson Fieldhouse

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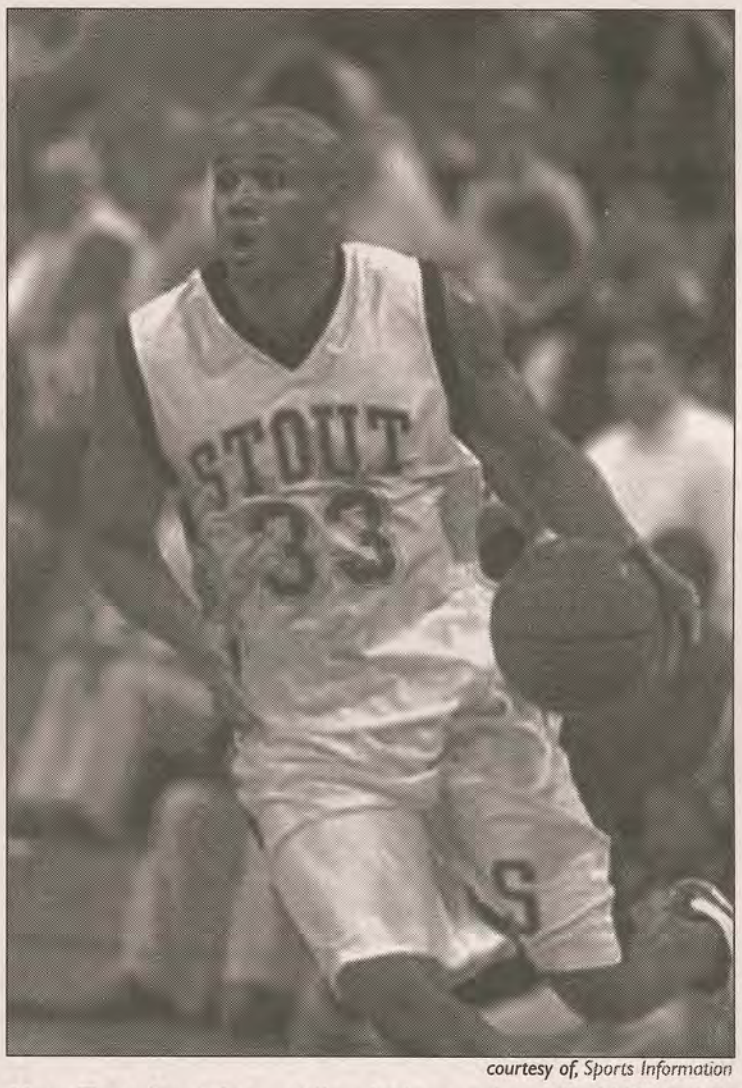
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UW-Stout's men's team opens its 2002-03 season, on Friday, Nov. 22, participating in the Pepsi Tip-Off Classic at Minnesota State (Mankato) by playing Michigan Tech. The Blue Devils will then play host to Mankato the following night.

The Lady Devils will get its season underway Saturday, Nov. 23 at the Millikin University Tournament facing Webster, and then will meet host Millikin on Sunday. The women will be home Tuesday, Nov. 26 to host Northwestern College at 7:00 p.m.

There will also be a Blue Devil basketball announcer contest to find the next Lady Devil announcer for this coming season.

"We loved our announcer last season and hope to find someone to step in and crank it up," said Blue Devils head women's coach Mark Thomas. "What a great way to officially kick off the new season."



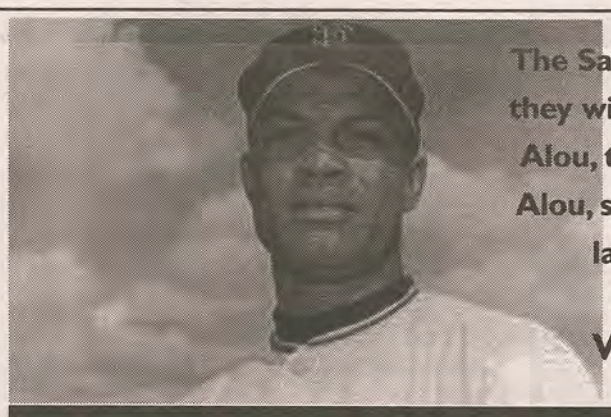
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Cross Country season review

Rebecca Werner
The Stoutonia

Most people think that long distance running is simply insane. It is hard to understand why someone would want to endure miles of aching when there are plenty of alternatives to staying in shape.

"I love running long distances because it gives me time to sort through my thoughts," said Pam Gundrum, a junior dietetics major. "Being a part of the cross country team has been a big part of my college life."

Most people find that it is not so much about staying in shape as it is the feeling of belonging. Committed to being a runner, they fall into a new, seperate group of people with a common interest.

"I feel a strong sense of connectivity when I meet another runner," said Gundrum. "Even though they may be a perfect stranger, we can relate to each other because we both have the desire to run."

This is a sport that can be done almost anywhere at anytime no matter the age.

Every day there are hundreds of people out running. They may be training for a race or simply training for life. This weekend, seven men and seven women from the University of Wisconsin-Stout cross country team will travel down to Peoria, Ill. to compete in NCAA Division III Regionals.

"I would expect quite a bit of improvement at the regional level," said head men's and women's coach Joe Harlan. "Our training has been focused on racing our fastest at Regionals."

Training for anything takes a lot of time and patience. The 35 members of the Blue Devil's Cross Country teams have trained many months. Saturday, these 14 men and women are given one more chance to see what their weeks and months of training have given them.

For the Ladies, Lacey Osuldsen and Tracy Oostdyk will lead the team this Saturday, along with Lisa Sorvala, Heidi Bedsted, Kersten Wilson, Rachel Wurz and Leah Karalinunas. The men will be headed by Ryan Chernik and Adam Burrack, followed by Casey Otto, Mike Heinen, Tim King, Nate Lynch and Brett Heimstead.

"I would like to finish three or four spots higher than last year," said Harlan. "We don't have a lot of seniors, so we should keep progressing to be a national level team at some point."

Even though running is a fantastic sport with a lot of positive outcomes, there is also a large number of people who do not enjoy running as much.

"I don't care to run," said dietetics major Cindy Mechler. "I look up to people who run, but that isn't my foremost enjoyment. I prefer sports that include objects such as tennis and basketball."

Running is not for everyone, but for those that do enjoy it, such as those on the Cross Country team, we wish you the best of luck!



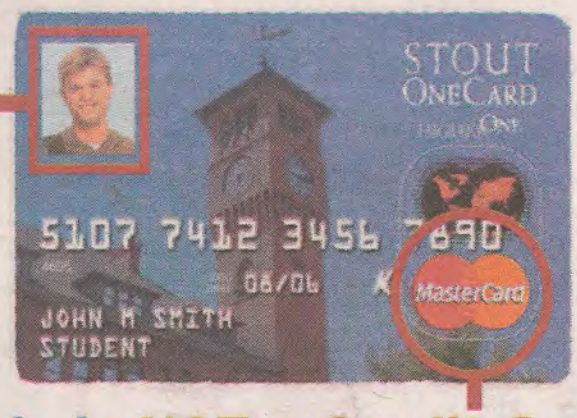
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by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

While many students are objecting to the new campus card contract with HigherOne because of its commercial nature, UW-Stout officials are stressing the benefits and efficiences outside partnerships bring to a funding-strapped school.

Compaq. Apple. HigherOne. Pepsi. The list of businesses that partner with the University of Wisconsin-Stout has some big names on it.

While name-dropping is usually an elite and wealthy practice, UW-Stout isn't out for a profit when it makes an agreement with an outside company.

"Our goal is to negotiate the best possible contracts for the university," said Marilyn Mars, director of procurement and materials management.

For example, when the university examined proposals from six frontline computer manufacturers, Compaq was chosen because they were offering the best price and service, and were the most willing to work with the school.

Any money UW-Stout receives from its contract with Compaq or its agreement with Apple is actually a returned percentage of the money spent with the company on computers and accessories. That money is then recycled and used to offer scholarships for students with financial need.

"We enter into these contracts because they benefit students and the university," said John Enger of university relations. "They are awarded by competitive bid and contractors are selected for both the quality of service and the financial benefits to the campus."

The new campus ID card system that will take effect next semester is being paid for completely by HigherOne, the bank issuing the cards.

According to Joe Krier, director of budget and technical services for UW-Stout student life services, HigherOne is covering all the costs that would otherwise be incurred by the university during this changeover. These costs include issuing new cards for all faculty, staff and students, updating the card readers across campus and advertising the new system.

HigherOne will receive a small portion of the sales cardholders make using their MasterCard debit card and a percentage of that will be given to UW-Stout.

But, because HigherOne is getting a small percentage of MasterCard's commission and UW-Stout gets an even smaller portion of that revenue, Krier is not expecting a large check.

Any money UW-Stout does receive from the MasterCard sales commissions would be put back into operating costs of the campus card office.

The only contract that the university receives a substantial amount of commission money from is the exclusive pouring rights contract it has with Pepsi. This seven-year contract began in January of 2000 when Pepsi offered a better proposal than its competition.

These dollars currently help to fund UW-Stout's Inter-Residence Hall Council (IRHC) and assist in paying off the debt of the new recreation complex.

During a time when national economic woes are affecting university funding, more partnerships are a possibility for the future.

"We are likely to see more partnerships with the university as the amount of state funding continues to decline," said Enger.

Student research journal enters second year of publication

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia

The creation of the second annual student research journal is underway.

The new editor-in-chief of this year's University of Wisconsin-Stout Journal of Student Research is Eric Brey, a UW-Stout graduate student.

The theory behind the journal includes students in nearly every way. The staff, which does layout, cover design, copy editing as well as printing, are all UW-Stout students. One exception to exclusive student assistance is the binding, due to the absence of the proper binding equipment.

This year, Brey hopes to receive a more diverse collection of student research.

"We need to see more representation of many majors, including art and design," said Brey. "Lots of students don't realize what they do is research."

Brey has become actively involved promoting the research journal through mass e-mailing, presenting to classes and creating fliers.

Through his promotion of the journal, Brey was surprised that many students had little knowledge of the journal.

"Many of them just didn't know about it," said Brey.

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University of Wisconsin-Stout Journal of Student Research

What: Second edition of the UW-Stout Journal of Student Research
Who: Any graduate or undergradue student
Why: To promote research by UW-Stout students
When: Deadline for submission is Dec. 20. 2002
How: Visit the journal's website at http://www.uwstout.edu/rps/uwsjsr/
Contact Person: Eric Brey, Editor breye@uwstout.edu

NEWS

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 39° Low 20° Partly Cloudy	High 37° Low 16° Mostly Cloudy	High 30° Low 11° Snow Flurries

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Students attend military protest

Belinda Lewis
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A field of crosses stand outside the Fort Benning army base in memory of individuals killed by trained terrorists. A recent protest opposed of Benning's School of the Americas, where South American soldiers are trained U.S. military tactics.

Last Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Georgia became a massive meeting place for approximately 15,000 Americans that disagree with a U.S. military program called the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHISC).

WHISC is a military school for Latin American soldiers from countries such as Colombia, Mexico and Chile. The soldiers are trained to use the skills they learn at WHISC against their own people.

There were about 15 protesters from the Menomonie and Twin Cities areas and two students from the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Attendees argued that the trained soldiers were not upholding democracy in the countries that they come from, but rather, were using torturous military tactics to quiet the human rights movements happening at the working-class levels in these countries.

"I went because our tax dollars are spent training military leaders so that these leaders can protect American corporations around the world," said Noah Wilson, a 2000 UW-Stout alum. "By trying to protect corporate interests, the government is inadvertently causing grief, disaster and murder all around the world. We have our fingers in too many pies."

The federal government funds the school; approximately $4 million in aid comes from taxpayer monies. WHISC is only a couple years old; it is a re-naming of the School of the Americas, (SOA) which has been around since 1946.

Graduates from the program have become assassins, dictators, hired thugs and soldiers. One famous SOA graduate is Manuel Noriega. WHISC argues that its curriculum has changed to include human rights issues.

However, those who planned and spoke at the protest disagree.

One woman explained that her three children were snatched from her, and it took her four years to realize that they were dead and not coming home. One woman said the military in South America takes children on purpose for military families who cannot have children. A few South American young adults spoke about having their parents murdered in front of them.

Over 200,000 people have died violently or mysteriously disappeared from Latin American countries.

This year, 96 people were arrested. Among them were nuns, mothers, sons and students of all ages. Last year was the first year that first time arrestees were actually put in jail.

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> *Noah Wilson*

"We're here to do what it takes," said Summer Nelson, a 60-year-old protester from last year who had just gotten out of jail. "Don't let them correct you; we're already correct!"

Why would people put their life on the line for this?

"We're privileged; it's our responsibility to take a step for those who can't," said Tiffany Winters, a political economy major from Denver, Colo.

On Sunday, protesters carried crosses with the deceased names, and left the symbols at Fort Benning and WHISC. The list of 200,000 names was also read out loud for three hours to a very solemn crowd.

"[The procession] is a great way to remember those who have died, and makes a good point at the same time," said Melissa



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Led by giant puppets, several thousands of protesters descended on the gates of Georgia's Fort Benning. They called for the closure of the military training School of the Americas.

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Electronic portfolio requirements

Rachel Kasinskas
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The University of Wisconsin-Stout is becoming more technology oriented in yet another way.

Due to a change is Wisconsin requirements for licensed educators, education majors will need to create an electronic portfolio.

The portfolio will help students in assessment, employment search and in professional development.

The initiative began in August, lead by a group of students trained in using the programs that create the e-portfolio called the Technology Leadership Cadre (TLC).

The e-portfolio's quick start can be attributed to a 50,000 dollar grant that UW-Stout was awarded last year.

The TLC group hosts many seminars where they walk students through building an e-portfolio. TLC has also created a website that grants access to information about the specifics of e-portfolios.

"I can't think of a better way to show a principal my knowledge of technolgy than to give him/her an e-portfolio, said Tonya Jones, an education major. "It also shows that the University I graduated from valued technolgy as part of a student's learning experience."

The program being used to creat the portfolios is called Chalk and Wire, in which no software needs to be loaded and works on every platform. Students have to chose from a selection of interface designs. There are predetermined categories. Student then, get to personalize the e-portfolio with own pictures, reflections, varying material, and quotes.

"The e-Portfolio is more advanced than what many other universities provide," said Andrew Farrar, a TLC member and a senior in early childhood education."

"It is essentially building your own website, something not available to students elsewhere. You also have access to the e-Portfolio for eight years, so that if you change careers or educational positions, this is something you can change, update and take with you."

The assessment system of the e-portfolios in terms of faculty and staff members still remains to be determined, though the program contains a built in assessment features.

"UW-Stout is on the cutting edge of this technology," said Jill Kleftead, the assistant to the director of teacher education. "Another important aspect of the e-portfolio is that of the reflections portion. These are written at key points within the program."

Fararr said, "The reflection part of the e-portfolio is one, if not the most important document, pertaining to the standards in the e-portfolio. This is where the student can reflect and look at in detail the reasoning behind completion of the assigned task and why you choose to put it into your portfolio."

While attending UW-Stout, the e-portfolio allows professors to visualize student accomplishments through classes, as well as presenting endeavors for prospective employers.

"The e-portfolio is a great tool for gaining employment," said Carrie Schneider, another TLC member and sophomore in early childhood education. "It gives evidence of the learning that took place and allows the student to showcase all they have done to prepare for employment."

Journal/ submission deadline soon

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The requirements for research to be submitted to the journal can be found on http://www.uwstout.edu/rpa/uwsjsr/, which details manuscript preparation, the function and purpose of the journal as well as assessment guidelines. Also at this site is the web version of the last year's first printing of the Journal of Student Research.

"The process itself was relatively painless," said John Fonstad, a junior in manufacturing engineering who is published in the first journal. "After submission, it took a bit of time for me to recieve word that my paper was accepted, but I guess that is to be expected. Adequate time was given for making corrections to the paper."

New advancements made to the journal this year includes registration with the library of congress, which will make the publication internationally recognized as well as increase its credibility. Brey is also working on trade marking or patenting the publication through UW-Stout.

"It is my belief that if Stout wants to continue to impress corporations in the job market, there needs to be a trend pushing for more research," said Jeffrey Bushendorf, a junior in manufacturing engineering who was published in the premiere journal. "Research can be enjoyable, as well as tedious, but it truly helps to pick a subject that you are personally interested in."

Faculty assessment includes scrutinizing grammar, what the work can offer to the body of knowledge and the quality of the work. Each submitted work is rated on a point system and the highest point receivers will be published. Those that do not get published can revamp their study with faculty criticisms in account,and re-submit the work the next year.

Other requirements are that each student have a faculty advisor overseeing the study. Also, each student must go through human subjects training.

Brey says, "Faculty are important to help with research, and are another quality control device."

The online version of the 2002-2003 journal will be available in April, while the print version will be distributed by May 1.

"This publication has a lot to do with the Malcolm Baldrige Award in its importance of quality surrounding the student," said Brey. "It gives each student the ability to show research and the chance to get published. This publication can be included in a resume and professional portfolio."

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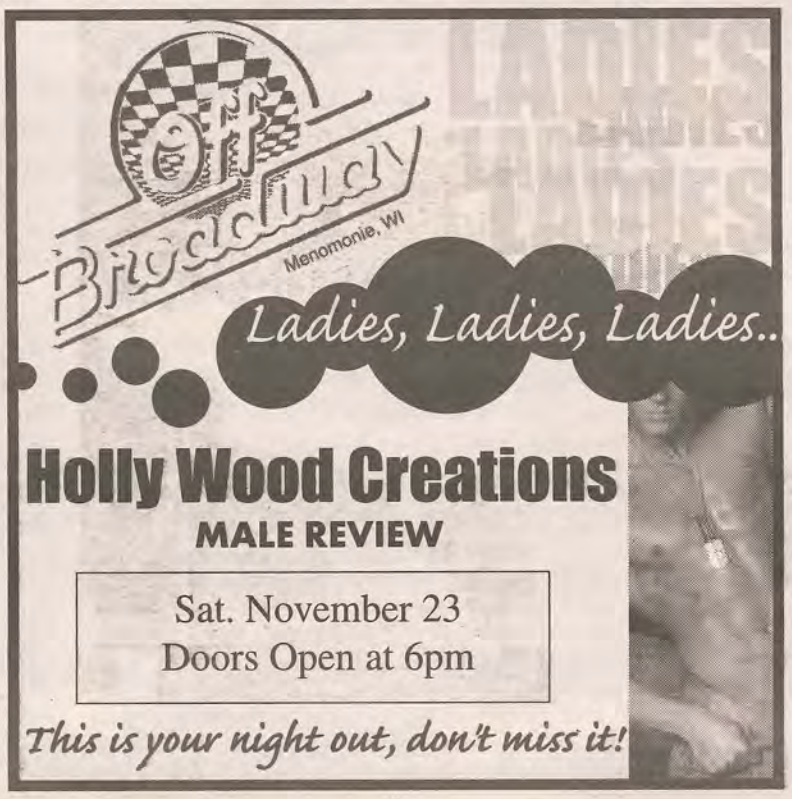
Thousands of demonstrators gathered at this army entrance in Columbus, Ga. to protest its military training.

Degennaro, an environmental science major from Philadelphia.

If you would like more information about WHISC, please see http://www.benning.army.mil/whinsec/.

For more protest information and photos see the independent news center from Atlanta at http://www.atlanta.indymedia.org/.







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1		147 1/2 Main St #6	$200	$200	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/bathroom off hallway /location N/P	SR
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1	1	802 6th Av #2	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	All Util included, great location/ N/P	6
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1	1	1222 6th Ave	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	Cozy, studio, all util except elec, avail	8
1	1	611 13th St E	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #5	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus N/P	6
1		400 1/2 Main St. #3	$320	$320	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus N/P	6
1		113 1/2 Main St. #1	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash/ LOCATION N/P	9
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2	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$400	$200	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash/ LOCATION	9
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2	1	620 1/2 9th Ave	$480	$240	$555	$278	Lg upper apt close to campus	3
2	1	607 13th St	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt/off st parking/ut inc except elec.	8
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2	1	1310 1/2 Main St.	$540	$270	n/a	n/a	Very nice upper apt/Large	D
2	1	1721 7th St.	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Inc utilities/good location/large apt	D
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$420	$140	$540	$180	WasherDryer/Next to campus	D
3	1	802 6th Ave #4	$660	$220	$610	$220	Parking, Util inc	6
3	1	503 18th Ave.	$625	$208	n/a	n/a	Very nice, Close to campus	D
3	.5+	147 1/2 Main B	$945	$315	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/washer/dryer N/P	4
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$525	$131	$645	$161	WasherDryer/Next to campus	D
4	1	1606 10th St.	$580	$145	$750	$188	House behind Lammers, w/d hook-up	H
4	1	1514 - 10th St.	$580	$145	$720	$180	right behind Lammers/ Nice layout	H
4	1	1809 - 6th St.	$600	$150	$740	$185	WashDry hook-up/Gas Heat/Garage	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	WashDry hook-up/Gas Heat/Garage	H
4	1	321 13th Ave. W.	$620	$155	$740	$187	Super Location / HOUSE	H
4	1	2235 So Broadway	$900	$225	$1,060	$190	Super location/large house/parking	H
4	1	309 14th Ave. W.	$740	$185	$850	$195	WashDry hook-up/good location/Gas Heat	H
4	1.5	121 1/2 12th Ave. W.	$840	$210	$960	$240	Large apartment, super location	D

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4	2+	147 1/2 Main St "A"	$1,380	$345	n/a	n/a	INCLUDES UTIL./HUGE/LOCATION	4
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4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	Gas heat/Storage	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave	$725	$145	$875	$175	WashDry hook-up/Storage/Gas heat	H
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5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	2	1403 - 6th St.	$810	$162	$970	$194	BIG FOR 6/good location / lots of parking	H
5	2	516 19th Ave. W.	$895	$179	$1,045	$209	Large/Parking/Family room	D
5	2	512 19th Ave. W.	$900	$180	$1,050	$210	Large / Parking / Family room	D
5	2	1220 7th St.	$900	$180	$1,075	$215	1 Block from Campus/washer/dryer/house	H
5	2	405 20th Ave E	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Great house/washer/dryer	H
5	2	409 13th Ave W.	$920	$184	$1,120	$224	some new carpet and lino	H
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr.#1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/washer dryer	D
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr.#2	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/washer dryer	D
6	1.5	221 4th St. W	$810	$135	$1010	$168	Wash/Dryer/Gas/N. Campus	H
6	2	1402 8th	$810	$135	$990	$165	Wash/Dryer/Gas Heat	H
6	2	415 - 13th Ave.W.	$1,230	$205	$1,430	$238	Modern house/very large rooms/location	H
6	2+	408 18th Av W	$1,500	$250	$1,670	$278	Wonderful, w/d, close to campus	H
6	2	114 17th Ave	$1,050	$175	$1260	$210	Super location w/d hookup	D
6	2	115 17th Av W	$1,500	$205	$1,700	$233	House, location, w/d/New Construction	H
6	2	205 W 17th Ave	$1,650	$275	$1,810	$300	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
6	2	205 W 17th Ave	$1,650	$275	$1,810	$300	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
6	2	205 W 17th Ave	$1,650	$275	$1,810	$300	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	Super condition/lots of room/location	H
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7	2	1311 S. Broadway	$945	$136	$1,185	$198	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
8	2	1208 8th St.	$1,200	$150	$1,440	$180	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE
9	2	1120 15th Ave	$1,440	$161	$1,730	$199	SEE NOTES IN LISTING ABOVE

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Stop, drop and don't forget your laptop

How about another pop quiz for you all. After all, this is an institution of higher learning, with quizzes and tests and such.

If your life is threatened by fire at this university, especially if you are in class, are you supposed to remember to grab your laptop on the way out?

According to the university, the answer is yes.

Sure stop, drop and roll are still important; you should still remember to check those doors for heat; and keep your head low to the ground.

But there is another lesson to remember: DON'T FORGET YOUR LAPTOP.

You see, the liability coverage on these wonderful, useful and surprisingly light computers does not include protection from fire damage.

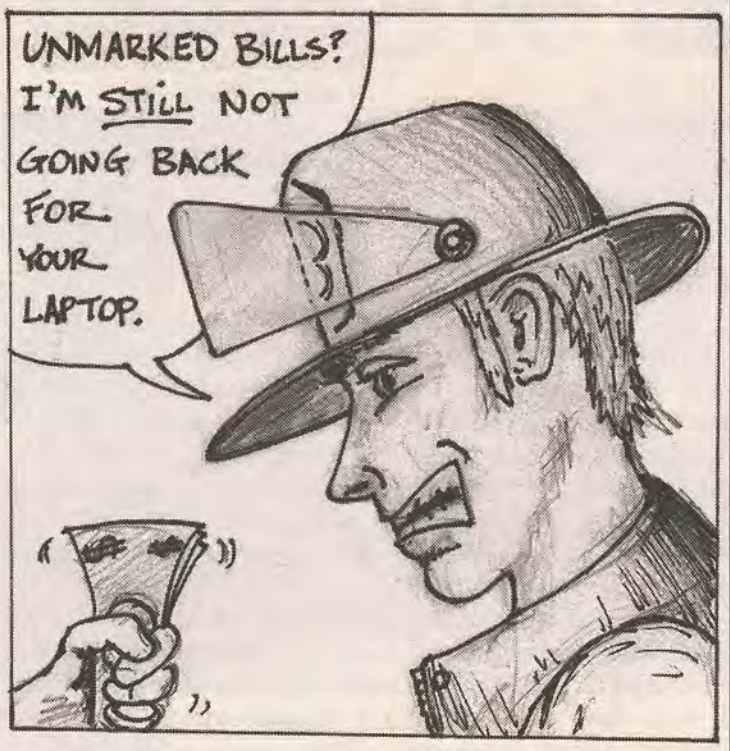
Don't worry about trying to get this straight, because that was basically it.

In addition to remembering to save your own life and those around you, the university "recommends" that you take you laptop too.

All of this springs from an SSA e-mail informing students that this is the situation.

Now, I'm going to point out something, and I'd like you laptop kids to think about it.

In your Laptop Computer Agreement, "destruction" of your computer, fire assumably being enough to destroy a computer, is only mentioned once, one word in fact.



With this recent e-mail, I would hope the university isn't trying to rid itself of culpability for fire destruction of the laptops.

The university is indeed not responsible, but this e-mail doesn't legally do anything.

All changes to the Laptop Agreement must be in writing, delivered by either the university or U.S. mail. Think about it.

Looking for a hug is harder than it should be



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

With the bitter cold of the impending winter, another less noticed change also comes creeping in. As drastic as the falling of the leaves, this change left me in a state of disrepair last week, as it has many times before.

It starts as nothing major. A few assignments might pile up and maybe a few bills are little more than you are comfortable with.

Then a few more things start going wrong. A friend lets you down. A project is suddenly announced. Pretty soon the whole world seems against you.

That was my life last week. I was about as close to clinical depression as you can get. Who knows, maybe I even crossed that line without even knowing it. It wouldn't be the first time.

I have fallen into the shadows of depression several times in my life. On two occassions during high school it brought me to even attempt to take my own life.

Last week wasn't that bad, though. It could have been, but I have been down this road enough to know which paths to take and which to swerve away from.

In fact, it would have been much more difficult had it not been for many of my friends who saw the cloud hovering over me all week. From the simple gesture of asking how I was to even buying me some candy, many tried to brighten my day and were often disheartened to see they had failed.

As much as all of the kind-hearted gestures helped, I think the only thing I really needed was a hug. Not to get all sappy on you, but it seems like it has gotten a lot harder to get a hug than it should be. It's amazing how much a simple hug can help fight self-doubt.

For the record, I don't want to get bombarded with a bunch of hugs now that I have written this. I might sound sappy, but I'm not that touchy-feely.

Instead, look in your own life. Is there anyone who appears down? Do they constantly complain about their life and withdraw from what they would normally consider a good time? If so, give them a hug. Then ask them how they are doing. Maybe someday you'll be the one with the distorted view.

The rigors of having an opinion that some don't agree with



WILLPOWER
William Christenson

I would like to thank both Brian and Scott for reading my articles and taking the time to write in with your views on them.

The reason I write for *The Stoutonia* is so that I can voice my opinions, and hopefully get people to think about different issues. If I get responses, I feel that I have achieved this goal.

In order to fully address your letters, I would have to write an entire article for each, or just have a conversation with you, and I would like to do both if possible. An important point, however, is that I write my articles not so much as complaints or political statements, but simply to bring up different topics and hopefully encourage others to find their own stances on those issues.

My "political" views are very simple; pro-peace, environmental and pro-freedom ideals, which are more universal than just liberal, and are not intended to be pigeonholed as simply liberal ideas.

As for my opinion of the school, I pay my tuition, and I feel that I should receive decent treatment and education in return. If I feel that the my school or country is not doing its job, then I point that out, in hopes that others might take notice and help to change things.

In closing, I would just like to remind you that my column is an opinion column, and my articles are simply my thoughts on certain subjects. If you don't like the content, no one is forcing you to read them.

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Letters to the Editor

Reader's two cents

Editor and Readers-

I've meant to write to the Stoutonia a number of times before, but time slipped away and now I will be graduating soon. It seems though, that now more than ever I should put my two cents in. As students we need to investigate what is going on in the world around us. Instead of focusing solely on what will get us a job after graduation, we need to think about our society and our world. The world is changing around us and most of us are indifferent to the politics and policies that effect us everyday. Is college a factory that pumps out workers or is it an institution that creates living, breathing, and thinking individuals that strive for a better way of life? Maybe I've made alot of choices that most of you wouldn't, but I have made a conscious decision not to go blindly through my life. "The real world" is not some mystical place that I will be ready for upon my graduation... it is right here, around us everywhere. Should we choose to engage it? Its not always easy here at Pepsi/Compaq/etc University but you've got to try to make meaning for your life and not accept everything without question. We can make a better world, there are other models for society out there besides the one that we live with. It should be our job as students to explore these models and plan our futures accordingly while not just looking for a program with the best post-graduation job possibilities. Thanks for listening to my little rant.

A. Bill Miller
studio art

Laptop concerns

This announcement was made in a mass email from the ssa office:

Attention students: In the event of a fire evacuation from a class it is recommended you take your laptop with you. You are responsible for your laptop, not the university. You are not to go back into an area to get your laptop if it is not with you at the time of the alarm. When evacuating a building exit using the closest exit; move at least 150' from the building; and do not re-enter until instructed to do so by emergency personnel. Thank you!

This seems a bit funny. Instructing students to be worried about a piece of plastic, copper, and various other metal bits during a life threatening situation seems very materialistic. So basically I would like to send out a big 'screw you' to whoever thought of that little bit of policy.

Remember kids, if the building you are in is potentially engulfed in flames and you are try hard not to suffocate from the burning carpet fumes, don't forget the University doesn't feel like springing for a new laptop. Right on. Makes me glad I'm not part of this laptop campus bit

-Andrew Golding

The Stoutonia responds:

Thank you for your letter. For *The Stoutonia's* reaction to this issue, please see the editorial. Thank you.

Editor's Note:
Due to the lateness of the following submissions, they could not be run until now. Letters to the Editor should be in no later than Tuesday evening. Thank you.

Regarding "Will Power"

Dear Stoutonia & William Christenson,

I am writing this letter because I feel that something should be said. I always read the Stoutonia and the articles written by William Christenson. The most recent article is a good article. I agree with William that everyone should have a political background and should be interested in politics for our own good. What I disagree with is his ultra-liberal opinionated articles. In his last article he writes " I think that this kind of attitude is what lead us to a situation where we have one man deciding to try to conquest another country, for no good reason". Those are some powerful words from a man who didn't even vote. I think that this article shouldn't even be written by William because he didn't vote. How can he tell others to educate themselves about issues when he didn't vote. He should practice what he preaches. Also, if he was to date on political issues like he says he is, he would have known that over 75% of the U.S.A. is for disarming Iraq. President Bush isn't just one man that is trying to go to war with Iraq. He has support from the U.N. Obviously he isn't the only one who thinks that way. I believe that you don't want to disarm Iraq because you are a liberal and will never agree with what President Bush thinks we should do. The U.S. government wants to disarm Iraq for good reasons. Do you not remember September 11th?? Do 4000 more americans have to die before you get the point. Yes people die from war but we aren't going to war. We are aiming to disarm Iraq and we have help from the U.N. Even though I am a conservative I still respect William for having an opinion in politics. I do agree with him that people should care about political issues, but I feel that these articles that bash our President should stop because they are pathetic and opinionated. Thank you.

Brian P. Buck

Subject: Will Power

You don't like living in the United States (last paragraph, Oct 10th), you don't like UW-Stout (Nov 14th).

Why don't you leave? As a Veteran of the U.S. Army and a UW-Stout alumni I get tired of columns like yours.

You cry and complain about how much the world or university owes YOU. In return you do nothing but complain.

What are you doing to make the U.S. or Stout a better place? Me, I served my country. While at Stout, helped make available scholarship money, so that others in the future could enjoy the rewards of a college diploma.

I can't wait until you hit the real world and see how good you have it, because it is my tax money supporting you right now.

Scott Jungmann
BFA UW-Stout 1994

Changes in the wind

To whom it may concern,

I never cease to be amazed by people who fear change. The editorial in this weeks Stoutonia complains about the ID changes and the problems associated with it. When I went to school at Stout we used to stand in lines at Bowman Hall just to register for classes and look at huge spread sheets printed out on the walls to find out if there was a class open. I'm not sure but I think this has changed. Don't you register for classes electronically now? Nevertheless, things will always change and will always be different from year to year. As humans, we constantly look for ways to improve processes and reduce costs. I'm sure that the numerous changes that have been made have been initiated with the bottom line in mind, not the student. In the long run though, it does come back to the student in the lower tuition costs or at least controlled costs.

Oh, and one other thing...whoever wrote that article didn't seem to have any problems with using that "old fashioned" computer and internet that was so new only a few years ago. See! Change isn't bad but stagnation is. When you get out into the "real" world, you will wish you could be back in school with only an ID to complain about.

Sincerely,
David Coker
UW-Stout Alumni

Matt Tracy responds:

Thank you for your letter. You are right, stagnation is bad. I too remember the days of long lines in Bowman Hall. The problem I have wasn't with change. I have a problem with inconsistancy that is bred by constant change.

Editor's Forum: Editor-in-Chief responds to an alumni about submissions

Dear Stout money givers:

For this is my fourth time writing to the Stoutonia, still waiting for a chance to be shared. I read your paper every week online, on thursday nights usually. I graduated in May, 2002 - a construction management major, business minor. I currently reside in Montego Bay, Jamaica as a United States Peace Corps Volunteer. I will be serving until August 2004.

I wrote in the beginning of the year, asking permission to write weekly in regards to my experience living and learning in a third world country. I still haven't heard from anyone, this frustrates me. I guess I want to say the five years I spent at Stout were so far the best years of my life. I can't wait to come back and see my friends graduate in Dec. and see some snow!

I have to include my dissapointment in Mr. Nick's articles referring to how old he thinks he is and the one about how he asked his girlfriend to marry him. All the people there who pay tuition are paying for that paper to exist and for all your salaries. Maybe instead of learning more about Nick - do an article on those who run organizations and dont get paid, maybe on the multicultural clubs, or how to become a JigglePigg. I do have a little experience - president of Alfresco Outing Club, secretary of Black Student Union, off campus senator for SSA, designer for ADMA fashion show, and worked at the Rec Center and Stout Adventures just as a second year senior. O yeah, I went to class to. Best of luck to those gettin out in Dec. Peace Out!

Ryan "Sly" Lundberg -

Nick Coenen responds:

There are a few inaccuracies that must be addressed in this letter. First, I have replied to Mr. Lundberg's messages and informed him of the submissions policy here at *The Stoutonia.*

Due to size constraints, *The Stoutonia* does not accept submitted articles. We hire reporters who want to write, so to give a non-staff member priority would not be logical. Also, in order to be a staff member, you must be currently enrolled as a student.

I am certain the experiences you had here were great, and I am sure that your experiences now are just as amazing. However, the only way for your material, or any other non-students, to get published is in the Letters to the Editor section which has a 250 word limit to submissions.

I'm sorry you feel my work is a disappointment, but once again, it is an opinion, which is open to acceptance or criticism. Thank you for your letter and readership following graduation.

Nick Coenen
Editor-in-Chief

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Student bartenders give last call

Accounts about what it is like to be a bartender in Menomonie

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia





by Tiffany Laschinger The Stoutonia

above: Amanda Turitto, a junior in hospitality and tourism, works as a bartender at Ba Da Bing'z.

left: Eric Bremer, a junior in general business, works as a bartender at The Buck.

below: Dennis Stapleton, a senior in applied math, works as a bartender at Off Broadway.

As your thirsty Thursday night comes to an end, the drinks stop being served and people flood into the streets of Menomonie. There is one person left, who is sober, hot, tired and has a pocket full of one dollar bills.

Bartenders have a job like no one else. They are serving drinks and making friends with people in order to eat, go to school and pay their bills.

"I started a couple of years ago because it is the best way to meet people and make money for me," said Eric Bremer, a junior in general business and a bartender at The Buck.



Other bartenders agree that it is a fun job and has potential to make more money than most other jobs in Menomonie.

The job of a bartender isn't all fun and games, though. Even when they are in the worst of moods, bartenders always have to be pleasing others.

"You have to flirt; it's part of the job," said Denis Stapleton, a senior and applied math major. "I do whatever I can to make people happy."

Flirting with the opposite sex isn't the only strategy bartenders use to increase their tips.

"People like it when a bartender can sit and talk to them," said Amanda Turitto, a bartender at Ba Da Bing'z and a junior in hospitality and tourism. "I listen to their problems."

The biggest problem with working in bars in Menomonie is dealing with minors trying to drink. While most bars claim they don't have a very big problem with this, they do go to extreme measures to ensure that they don't get in trouble for underage drinkers.

Some bartenders don't even have to deal with minors attempting to drink because the bar has bouncers at the door.

"Once they're in the door, it's not my problem," Stapleton said about the bar Off Broadway.

Other bars only have bouncers on their busiest nights.

Some bars give their employees incentives for catching people attempting to underage drink at the bar.

"We get rewarded for catching minors with a fake I.D.," Turitto said.

At other bars, it is completely up to the bartender to make sure they are not serving any minors.

"We have a strict reputation as far as fake I.D.s and minors go," Bremer said about The Buck. "We don't have a lot of people that try."

Bartenders are taught to look for specific things if they think someone might have a fake I.D.

"I look for nervous people that are shy and don't talk much," said Bremer.

Other bartenders have different tactics to verify if a person's I.D.

"Eye color is a dead give away," said Turitto.

Bartenders also have some tricks to confuse people. people should know the answers to a few obvious questions about their I.D.

"I caught five or six people this year that don't know how to spell their own last name," Bremer said.

For more info on bartenders see entertainment

Making life easier one person at a time

Laura Kreger
The Stoutonia

Computers controlled by voice. Lights activated by tilting the head. Televisions turned on by moving the tongue.

It sounds like science fiction, but it's all in a days work for Michael Lawler.

As a professor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and the training coordinator for the UW-Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (SVRI), Lawler deals with situations and technologies far beyond what most UW-Stout students are accustomed to.

For Lawler, classes taken in industrial design and kinesiology (body movement) geared towards coaching, morphed into a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's in education.

A few years after being a UW-Stout student himself, Lawler came back to teach job-seeking skills. This area brought him into job placement, which in turn introduced him to the field of vocational rehabilitation.

"This semester I'm teaching in the areas of assistive technology, psychology and education," said Lawler.

The more unusual parts of Lawler's job description, however, lie in his work with the rehabilitation institute located on campus.

"I identify organizations who want to receive instruction in the rehabilitation field," said Lawler. "I deal with computers, seating and positioning, school accommodation, independent living and so on."

He also works with private individuals who come to SVRI seeking help.

Lawler's most difficult case involved a young boy with severe disabilities whose parents wanted him to go to school.

"He had no voluntary muscle control, was deaf and blind, had the cognitive level of a two-month-old and was allergic to everything," said Lawler.

Lawler and his team from SVRI set out to achieve the goal of assistive technology: help people with disabilities meet their potential.

When they were done,

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home environmental controls automatically turned on the television and radio, giving the parents a break from constant care. Hallways and doors were widened and ramps were installed. The school bus was provided with a wheelchair lift as well as temperature controls and medical backup planning.

Is this sensitive, caring man married, you ask?

"I have a dog, which is similar to being married . . . he has me very well trained," said Lawler, as he sat surrounded by organized stacks of file folders.

A poster of deer and a map of Wisconsin wallpaper his plainly decorated office, which match his monotone conversation. One thing stood out, a stuffed Toy Story doll, which was watching from the windowsill.

Lawler's colleagues also see this sense of humor.

"Mike had to wear a stiff brace or corset for quite a while to keep his back straight," said Dr. Tom Franklin, a psychology professor. "He didn't ask for sympathy, but rather turned his pain into humor as he became Batman . . . lots of us got to feel his rippling abdominal (plastic) muscles."

Jill Klefstad, administration program specialist, said, "His ability to make people laugh is also the key to his enjoyment of life."

This enjoyment of life follows Lawler into the classroom. Although his lulling voice disguises the subtle bits of humor thrown into a general psychology lecture, students quick enough to pick up on them chuckle throughout class.

"If I get whacked on this side of the body, what happens?" asked Lawler, as he hits himself on the side of the head, giving visual aid to his lecture on the brain.

Throughout the class, Lawler demonstrated his knowledge in a wide variety of subjects. Without skipping a beat, he bounced between physiology and anatomy of the eye and brain, physics of light, human development and the inner workings of computers.

So many areas of expertise can hardly be called a specialty, and yet a firm grasp of all these subjects is necessary for Lawler's work with the rehabilitation institute.

"If you can twitch it, we can switch it," quotes Lawler.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Michael Lawler, a graduate of UW-Stout, works hard to teach people with disabilities how to live a normal life through rehabilitation or new technology.

Using the same principle of the binary code (everything is a zero or one, on or off) that computers use, assistive technology can use any muscle in the body as a command center.

By breaking down options into a yes or no format, choices can be made by moving a single muscle.

Any muscle in the body can be used to make these choices. Computers can read the movement of an eye blinking, a tongue against the roof of the mouth, air blown through the mouth or even head nodding.

Computer chips can be programmed to use any of these movements to control the individual's environment.

Besides computer systems, Lawler works on custom designs to meet the recreational needs of individuals with disabilities.

"We developed a sling for a man with one arm so he could go hunting. We also adapted a fishing pole so it could be used with one hand, and we have three-wheeled bicycles pedaled with the arms and hands," said Lawler.

Lawler showed there's much more happening on our campus than students are aware of.

"It's so critical for people in rehab and education to be familiar with technology because it's so important for the person or student with the disability," said Lawler.

An ounce of prevention keeps the germs away

Tiffany Laschinger
The Stoutonia

As fast as Kleenex is flying off the shelves at Wal-Mart, viruses and infections are being passed amongst family, friends, lovers and even foes. Before shopping for a drug of choice to clear up sinuses or to stop that persistent cough, take action to fight sickness before it takes over.

Although some preventative measures are attempted to avoid these menaces, many of mom's and the doctor's most basic health advice is being neglected.

"Sometimes those illnesses spread and everyone somehow gets sick and I am one of them," said Christy Phillips, a sophomore in interior design.

Living in close quarters with other people, like dorms, is a favored breeding ground for bacteria and viruses.

"Once I get sick it seems to never go away, said heather Sodemann, a sophomore in hospitality and tourism. "I have had this cold and cough for as long as I can remember now."



by Andy Kiekhafer, The Stoutonia

Washing your hands thoroughly will help prevent the further spread of viruses and bacteria

To stay healthy this season, heed the following priceless advice.

Wash your hands. As cliché as this idea is, it can significantly decrease your chances of becoming ill. Germs can pass through mucus membranes including eyes, the nose and mouth. Germs may even be transferred from several different surfaces and still survive to contaminate you.

According to Center for Disease Control (CDC) to correctly wash your hands you must scrub every surface for at least 10-15 seconds. "It is the soap combined with the scrubbing action that helps dislodge and remove germs."

Keep your living area clean and disinfected. Sometimes soap and water will do, but a disinfectant may be needed on hot zones. Dirty dishes harbor many infectious bacteria when left for extended periods of time.

Keep hydrated. Water flushes out toxins and keeps bodies feeling well.

"The biggest difference [students] can make is the flu shot," said Kathy Green, a registered nurse at the student health center.

This year the flu shot vaccinates against three different strains of the flu, determined by the CDC to be the most prevalent for the year.

Many people rely on herbal supplements to boost their immune system. Echinacea is a popular herb that is said to reduce the length and severity of Upper Respiratory Infections (URI).

Matt Seldon, a sophomore in general business used Echinacea to help in his recovery when he got sick.

"I think its just a little extra help from getting something when you're already worn down and to get you better a little faster," Seldon said. "It was mainly to prevent me form getting sicker."

Astragalus is also an herb that is said to help reduce side effects and promote immune function.

Including anti-oxidants in your diet like vitamin C is key to strengthening your immune system, because it helps in the production of white blood cells.

"The number one thing to boost your immune system is sleep," said Green.

Enough sleep at night can keep students healthy and keep classroom attendance high.

"When I really don't feel well I don't see the point in going to class because I won't be able to pay attention anyways," said Alyssa Nelson, a sophomore in technical communications.

When all precautions fail, and sickness takes over, antibiotics or symptom treating medications will get you on you feet and feeling better.

Green said, "Treating the symptoms can get rid of the virus."



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The Fake News

Recent Bin Laden tape a ploy to sell

Majors retailer behind recent tape. Hope to stimulate sagging USA-stuff sales

Mike Oxbigg
The Stoutonia



by Lance Sharps, The Stoutonia

It was revealed Thursday that the most recent Bin Laden tape was a fake aimed at selling more USA jello molds.

The recent tape allegedly released by Osama Bin Laden has been traced back to a cadre of American businesses that make patriotic products.

"We admit it, that tape is a fake," said Hallmark Executive Marketing Manager John Mills. "Sales of our red, white and blue Beenie Babies were in a serious tailspin. We just figured that if people had something to hate again, in this case in Laden, they would get behind America again."

The patriotic paraphernalia market has been in a steep recession following the anniversary of September 11. Reports show that the market was in a downward trend even before the anniversary, but the memories of last year caused a small spike in sales.

"We were seeing a steep decline in patriotism as the War on Terror progressed into another successful American military campaign," said Marshall Smith, CEO of Spencer's Gifts. "No one was buying our shirts with Bin Laden because people were pretty sure he was already dead."

Included in the list of profiteering companies was Wal-Mart, who saw a steep increase in American flag sales following September 11. Wal-Mart was also seeing wide profit margins on World Trade Towers posters.

"We noticed that people seem to get a lot more patriotic when guilt is involved," said Wal-Mart Advertising Director Jill Gafferty. "We felt that if people felt guilty about not knowing that Bin Laden was still a threat, they would pump more money into a bunch of red, white and blue stuff."

Also rumored to be involved with the tape were country singers Alan Jackson and Toby Keith. Both musicians saw escalated record sales following the release of songs that were in some way related to the 9-11 attacks.

"My record sales were in the toilet," said Jackson. "I needed a new source of patriotism to write songs about. I figured 'hey, people hate Bin Laden, so I'll write a song about me hating him too.' I actually had the idea before, but my label told me Bin Laden was probably dead."

Toby Keith, whose song "The Angry American" was a tribute to American soldiers decimating Afgahinistan's inferior Taliban forces, also noted that he was lacking a menace for America to fight.

"I was looking for something inspirational that we could all get behind," said Keith. "But I'm not that creative, so I just figured we'd bring back the guy who worked so well last time."

"A slogan won't stop us from grabbing that beer!"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

"Drink moderately."

After the recent backlash on tobacco companies targeting minors, alcohol companies are formulating similar deterrents for the underage consumers.

The social norms approach, sponsored by Anheuser-Busch, is the most recent attempt to reduce binge drinking amongst minors.

In this approach, they steer away from preaching about the horrors of alcohol poisoning, cirrhosis of the liver and drunk driving, and they focus on the trends of their peers. Research has shown that students' perception on how much their peers drink is higher than what they actually consume.

Neither these norm or scare tactics work to curb problem drinking.

It was horrible to see the car placed outside of CKTO a few weeks back that was destroyed by a drunk driver. It is also sickening to see a liver blackened by cirrhosis, but images like this do not deter students from tapping that keg.

The popular phrase is, "It won't happen to me."

Knowing statistics about how much our peers all over the nation drink on occasion is not significant.

What matters is the people in our immediate world, our friends and our family.

The choices you make tend to mimic that of your friends. Family, as much as people want to admit it, has a huge impact on the choices we make, whether it be negative or positive.

If your friends choose to drink, chances are you will join them on occasion. Friends may also be chosen according to you ideals. Whatever the case, friends rank higher than any statistic.

Personal experience also ranks high on the to-drink-or-not-to-drink scale. A bad experience involving alcohol can fuel a reversal of the need for a drink.

Anheuser-busch should save their money for when Target Market comes after them.

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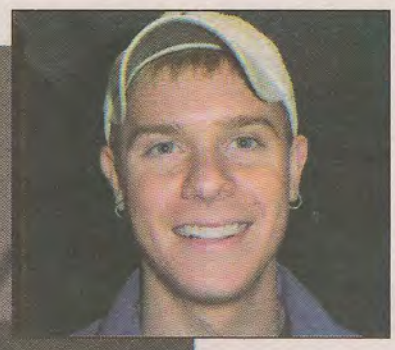
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Campus Slant



"I would itch my roommate Andrea's back."
~Linnea Himlie,
Soph., hospitality and tourism



"Question life and go swimming."
~Jon Jorde
Soph., industrial design

What would you do if you woke up with spurs for hands?



"Spin a cut, and then go swimming with Jon."
~Dan Larson
Soph., business administration

"I would shave my legs."
~Chrissy Carpenter
Soph., hospitality and tourism



Next Week:

Who is the biggest turkey you know?

by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Best of Menomonie 2002

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Rules...

1. Best of Menomonie ballots are to be handed into the Stoutonia boxes around campus.
2. Deadline for ballots is TUESDAY DECEMBER 3RD.
3. Only one ballot per student please.
4. A completed ballot is not required, but it is recommended.

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The 411

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This Week:
Mental Health Association Food Drive, Drop offs at Voc-Rehab Building.

Thursday, Nov 21
>Karaoke Night
Heritage Café, 8 p.m.
>Thursday Night Out
Rec. Center 8-12 a.m.

Friday, Nov 22
>**Hockey** vs. St. Norbert, 7:30 p.m.
>Copenhagen, play reading dealing with patriotism, Menomonie Theater Guild, 7 p.m., by donation.

Saturday, Nov 23
>Flowers on Main Holiday Open House, 9am-3pm
>Hockey vs. Lake Forest, 7:30 p.m.
>Minneapolis Gospel Sound with Very Special Arts Menomonie,
Mabel Tainter, 8 p.m.
$14 students/$16 general

Sunday, Nov 24
>Memories Holiday Concert,
Mabel Tainter Theater,
1 p.m.
$10/adults, $4/ youth.

Monday, Nov 25
>Technology Invention Exhibit,
Great Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov 26
LAST DAY OF CLASSES!
Women's Basketball vs. Northwestern College,
7 p.m.

Secret to Potter's success



MOVIEREVIEW
Bill Denney

"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" is aimed at certain people who just happen to number in the billions, people who love the "Harry Potter" novels. Hence, it's not so much a movie as much as it is a visual template to something that viewers have already visualized in their own heads while reading.

That puts a lot of responsibility on director Chris Columbus and screenwriter Steve Kloves, and this time the responsibility proved too much. Scenes that should have been cut are included, so Potter freaks aren't pissed off about certain events in the book being left out. In the end, what could have been a small and genuinely sweet film is instead an hour too long and millions of dollars too fat.



It's still possible to tell that "Chamber of Secrets" is, in its roots, a work of extraordinary imagination. However, at times the film is just as monotonous as three hours on an airplane with nothing to read but the in-flight magazine.

The sequel finds Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) living with his dreaded Aunt (Fiona Shaw) and Uncle (Richard Griffiths) and counting the days until summer is over and he can go back to Hogwarts to start his second year of magic school. That's when Dobby, a house elf, shows up.

Dobby is truly one of the greatest points of this film, a beautifully constructed CGI character with a sly, sad face that is gorgeous in its own retrospect. He warns Harry not to return to school, and that something terrible is about to happen.

"Dobby was good. I expected another Jar-Jar when I first saw him, but he turned out to be great," said Jacob Scott, a freshman in manufacturing engineering.

The first movie simply introduced us to the world of Harry Potter.



Courtesy of: movies.com
"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" is filled with inventive gadgets including a flying Ford.

"It was really more of a children's movie, and all around kind of boring," said Matt Skwierczynski, a sophomore in multimedia design.

The sequel can't do the same thing again, but instead of coming up with ways to make the story a little more human, it plunges head first into action. There's something to be said when the most pleasing elements in the movie mainly have to do with inventive gadgets and objects, a flying car, a screaming letter and an old diary that sucks ink from its pages and sends back messages.

Dobby's prediction turns out to be right. When Harry and his best friends, Hermione (Emma Watson) and Ron (Rupert Grint), return to Hogwarts, they dis-

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Shhh...Power 100 is in the basement of CKTO

Erin Hogan-Braker
The Stoutonia

Swallowed beneath the structure of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's CKTO dormitory lies a little known student-run communication center known as Power 100. It's such a secret, most residents aren't even aware of Power 100's presence.

"There's a radio station in our basement?" asked CKTO resident Richard Darvial, a sophomore in psychology.

Little do many CKTO residents know, sophomores Will Gunderson and Nathan Olson are hard at work in the dark blue basement, deejaying their underground, indie-based show, "The Happy Happy Music Special," every Thursday night.

"It's more rock, less talk," said Gunderson, a graphic design major. The four-hour broadcast begins at 8 p.m.

"The Happy Happy Music Special" is one of many student-produced radio shows played on UW-Stout's Power 100 radio station. Still, much confusion remains about the organization and how exactly students can tune in.

The name has it all wrong. Power 100 is not on the AM/FM dial, rather it is a radio show broadcast over television, on channel 20.

"Still, people don't know, mainly because it's on TV instead of the radio," said Gunderson.

Though the entire world may not be listening through its TV screens yet, "The Happy Happy Music Special" continues on.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia
Power 100 is an organization that broadcasts student-run radio productions nightly on campus network channel 20.

"It's kinda disappointing that no one's listening. There isn't a really big music crowd at Stout. It's a pretty eclectic show," said Gunderson.

But with a quality music play list, "Happy" is fulfill-

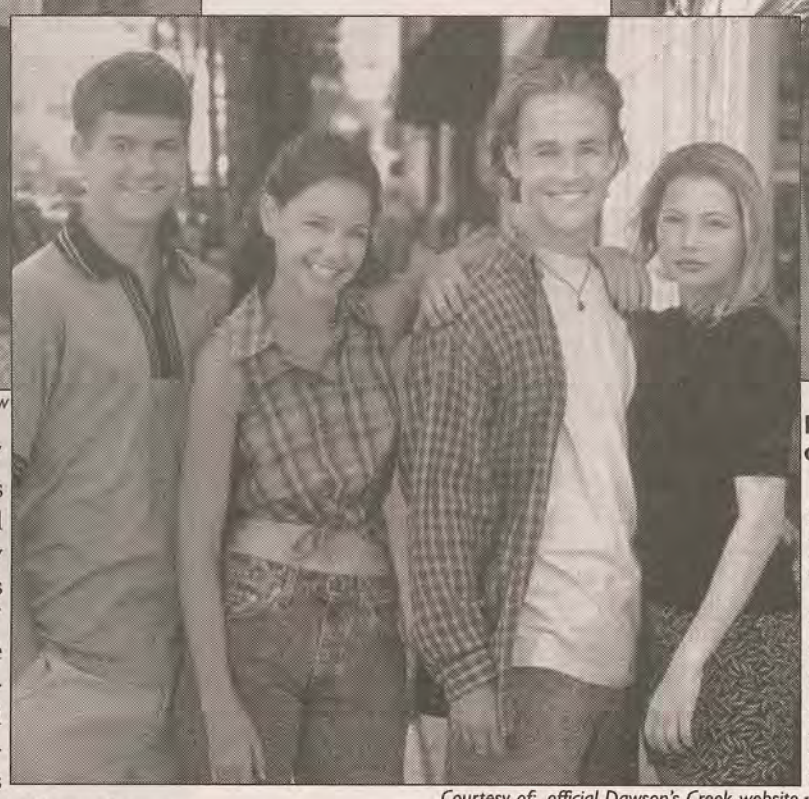
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Primetime lacks diversity



Courtesy of: www.tvtome.com/berniemacshow



Courtesy of: official Dawson's Creek website



Courtesy of: www.ew.com

Ethnic diversity is not prevelant in shows. These diverse roles, may lend negative stereotypes.

Kim Hauschildt
The Stoutonia

Most of us connect with such shows as "Friends," "Will & Grace," "ER," "Dawson's Creek" and more. Have you recently noticed the lack of diversity within those same shows?

Living in the land of equality, especially in this day and age, you'd expect there to be an evening out of cultures represented in shows but TV is mostly filled with Caucasian faces.

If you look at our major shows there are only a few with different races represented in a large way. "Saturday Night Live" supports 15 cast members but only five are of different ethnicity. "ER" has three out of its cast of 10 characters, and "West Wing" only has one in its bunch of Emmy award-winning character roles. "Friends," "Fraiser," "Just Shoot Me," "Dawson's Creek" and "Everybody Loves Raymond" all have white characters and no other ethnic groups represented. How do students feel about the lack of ethnic diversity?

"I love SNL," states Andrew Cavallaro, a freshman in psychology. "It doesn't really enter my brain what the color of the faces are; it just is very creative and makes me laugh, so I watch it."

There are only two shows on primetime television with no Caucasian characters at all.

The American Broadcasting Company (ABC) airs the show "My Wife and Kids" starring Damon Wayans. It's a show about the problems a man has while dealing with making everyone happy in his so-called perfect family.

Another show that closely relates to "My Wife and Kids" is the "Bernie Mac Show" on the Fox Channel. This one is mainly about a bachelor that has his sister and her kids move in and he has to take over the father role; parenthood seems something not so easy to get used to.

> "The non-diversity doesn't play into what I watch."
>
> **Jesus Aguirre**
> *sophomore, engineering technology*

"'Bernie Mac Show'" is so funny," said Evan Larsen, a freshman majoring in business management. "I watch it all the time just cause he is so hilarious."

In the past we've had shows such as "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air," "In Living Color" and "Family Matters," that related to everyone. This is where we met the Wayans Brothers who made the "Scary" Movies, Steve Urkle with his high water pants, and Will Smith, who as we all know has gone on to be much bigger than the show he first started on. These shows worked, so why don't we have more like it?

"The non-diversity doesn't play into what I watch." comments Jesus Aguirre, an engineering technology sophomore. "I don't care if they have a Mexican character in a show because I know they are only there is to add diversity to the show and also they are usually stereotyped negatively."

Maybe this is the reason. People really aren't looking into as closely as others or they don't want to be represented sorely. As long as there is somewhat of a hint of ethnic diversity, everyone seems to be satisfied. Maybe in the future we'll be more comfortable with having more different kinds of people in shows.

Things people will do for a Buck

Amanda Dobbratz
The Stoutonia

It's a Thursday night just like any other.

Perhaps you are like many University of Wisconsin-Stout students and head down to your favorite bar to escape the stresses of the past week. You greet the familiar face that aids you in your alcohol-induced journey, but do you really know the person behind the bar?

Chrissy Dederich, senior interior design major, is one such face you may encounter. Dederich has been a bartender at the Silver Dollar Saloon, a.k.a., The Buck, located on Main St., for a year and a half.

"The [Buck's] atmosphere is really light-hearted," said Dederich. "It's fun to work with everybody that works here; it's not a serious environment."

The Buck is noted for its more mature patrons as well as being the favorite establishment of many UW–Stout faculty members.

"I think what it is, a lot of people, the older crowd, go to The Buck where they don't have to battle all the people," said Grant Brastad, senior in business management. "It gets a little slower."

As a result of time spent working at the bar, Dederich feels she has learned interpersonal skills, how to work with customers, compromising, conversation skills and time management.

"It's challenging to balance work and school but I think I've done pretty well," said Dederich.

She has also found a new perspective on the ever popular bar scene.

"If I'm working two of three days in a row, I'm seeing the same people over and over it makes me not want to go out as much," said Dederich, "It [the redundancy] makes me want to find something else to do."

While The Buck is usually a pretty laid-back place, occasionally, some unexpected events occur.

"A guy just got out of prison and he came to The Buck with his belongings in a plastic bag," said Dederich. "He started ranting and raving and scared half the people out of here. That was probably the funniest thing that ever happened."



by Carrie Bloom, The Stoutonia

Chrissy Dederich, one of several bartenders at The Buck, enjoys working there because it is a laid-back, fun environment.

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Potter / Oscar worthy sequel adds action, magic, computer effects

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cover that something terrible is going on. Students and animals are turning up petrified, literally. A secret chamber has been opened, and an unseen monster has been set loose. Its goal is to kill students who are not full-blooded wizards.

An action-movie story ensues. A monster needs killing, and a villain needs discovering. The movie extends and pumps up in the usual blockbuster fashion. A few times too many, Harry and Ron go for a ride in the flying Ford and have spectacular engine trouble. The Quidditch scene, a highlight of the last Harry Potter movie, is also here, but it's just a rush of frenzied computer effects, with a flying ball chasing Harry and trying to kill him.

It's in the light. magical touches that "The Chamber of Secrets" is truly great. When the spiders are attacking, or later, a giant snake, it's just a regular sci-fi movie with standard issue effects. Radcliffe is a decent child actor, but he's not a Schwarzenegger-esque action hero, nor should he have to be.

Kenneth Branagh is the one human thing in the movie that's delightful. He plays Gilderoy Lockhart, a professor of the dark arts, with blond hair and a winning smile. He has no talent for magic, but lots of talent for fraud and self-promotion. Watching Branagh as Lockhart, always backpedaling and covering for his ignorance, is the one surefire funny thing in the movie.

Other big names in the cast have no opportunities to truly shine.

Richard Harris, who recently died in London, at the age of 72, lends his grandeur to the role of headmaster Dumbledore, but Dame Maggie Smith and Alan Rickman barely even speak. It's shocking that, for all the British talent assembled here, (it's an all British cast), the movie hardly feels English in its atmosphere. There's no feeling of history as with typical British films, no sense of mystery, no smell of wood smoke in the air. It's americanization in its full form.

"Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" is like old English leather that has been transformed into American plastic, as shiny as a toy on Christmas morning. It's the world of Harry Potter that makes the books special; however, in this film, that world of magic doesn't come through.

In the end, it's worth seeing to even those who don't know the slightest bit about Potter World, who have two and a half hours to kill, and who want to see a movie that will most likely have a few Oscar nominations tacked on its promotional poster.

It's cute, well acted by the veterans, acted adequately enough by the children, and better than this review may have made it seem.

Also, I assure you will find yourself falling in love with Dobby.

A good movie, with its fair share of flaws, that is automatically a success simply with the name Potter plastered on it, an $87.7 million succes to be exact.

I smell another Pokemon like enterprise sprouting.



Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets
starring Daniel Radcliffe
Bill says: *"It's cute and well acted."*
How it rates:
★★★★☆



Courtesy of: movies.com
One of Harry Potters' best friends, Hermione, is making a spell to help her friends change identies.

Power 100 / tune in

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ing a musical void for UW-Stout that normal market-driven radio shies away from. Bands like Dismemberment Plan, Bright Eyes, The Streets, Pedro the Lion and Wilco are among many others in rotation on 'Happy".

The musical selection heard on channel 20 varies dramatically depending on who is or isn't inside the booth. When student-produced shows like "Happy" aren't taking up the airways, a random rotation of compact discs is automatically in play. With approximately 30 members in the Power 100 club this year, shows can vary from different music styles to talk radio.

"Joe Hillary's show rocks," said listener TJ Schwingle, a sophomore in multimedia. "He switches it up a bit. It's the best stuff you've heard, the best you've never heard."

The shows are meant to be interactive as well.

"Every once in a while we get some drunk guys that call," said Gunderson.

Students with a less intoxicated, more cultured musical opinion can call the station at extension #2332.

With Power 100's student organization growing, the little-heard TV station may grow into a well-known student entity.

Gunderson said, "We're going to keep finding music to play and hopefully build an audience."



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Crazy for Adam Sandler's flick



SOFTSPOKEN
Becky Hartung



Courtesy of: www.tribute.ca

Adam Sandler adds yet another talent to his resume: animated humor. This movie is based on Chanukah and laced with his usual silliness.

If I was a guy and happened to be a frozen poopsickle, I sure wouldn't want my nuts licked by a bunch of reindeer.

Great! Now that I have your attention, take heed of the following advice. Once the turkey's been gobbled up and the family has gone home, don't just sit around; check out Adam Sandler's newest comedic venture.

Scheduled to hit the theatres on November 27, "Eight Crazy Nights" is one of those films you won't want to miss.

Yes, I was fortunate enough to catch an early screening of Sandler's latest genius while I attended a media convention in Orlando. How else would you entertain thousands of underage college students?

Completely animated, the film illustrates the personal conflicts and antics of Davey Stone, a troubled 33-year-old drunk with an attitude problem. When Davey's mischievous behavior lands him in big trouble with the law, an old face from his basketball superstar past steps in.

Whitey Duvall is an elderly midget and basketball referee with a huge heart. Always seeing the good in people, he talks the judge out of giving Davey a jail term, and agrees to take the troubled man under his wing. Nothing Davey does, even toppling Whitey down a hill in a full outhouse, seems to stop this old-timer from lending a caring hand.

Tentatively titled "Whitey and Davey" at this time two years ago, Columbia Pictures apparently had issues with a title that might be taken as a racial slur. Still, "Eight Crazy Nights" is a more than appropriate title choice.

Besides Davey's crazy antics, the title references the eight nights of Chanukah, the famous Sandler holiday song.

Speaking of which, don't get up to go the bathroom at the end; you'll miss the unveiling of the latest rendition of Sandler's Chanukah song. Trust me, you don't want to miss it.

Sandler performs the voices of Davey, whom he shares a striking physical resemblance with. In addition, he also voices Whitey and his sister, Eleanore.

Big deal, a lot of people can do that.

But how many people can successfully sing a trio with themselves? Yeah, it's pretty cool to listen to.

And then there's Jennifer Brodsky, who was Davey's first love in middle school. Jennifer is voiced by Sandler's fiancée, Jackie Titon. Awww. How many crazy nights will it take for the two to hook up?

Don't forget those infamous reindeer. I have no idea how the heck they always seem to know where they're needed, but they do. It must be a part of the holiday magic.

Come fall in love with the enchanted town of Dukesberry. You'll laugh your pants off, and if you're one of those overly emotional saps, like myself, you'll probably cry a little too.

This movie will be a hit with all of your friends, but leave your little siblings at home; the film's humor gets a little trashy at times, but nothing too out of the ordinary for a Sandler film. I give it five stars, but then again, I'm easily amused.



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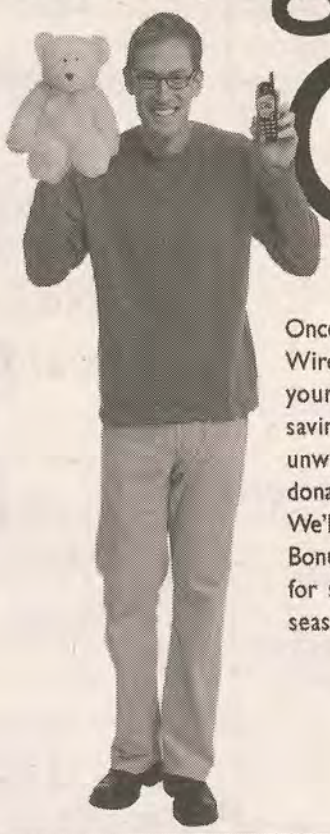
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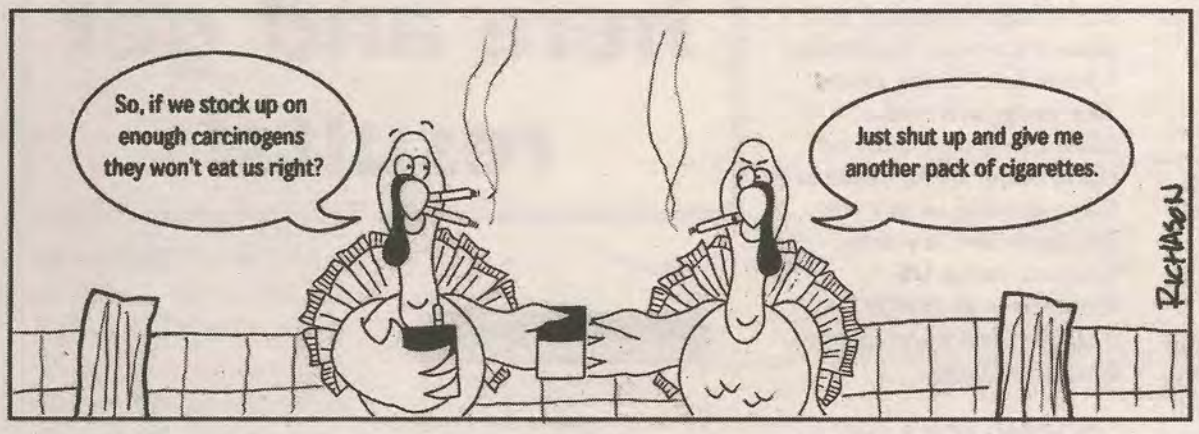
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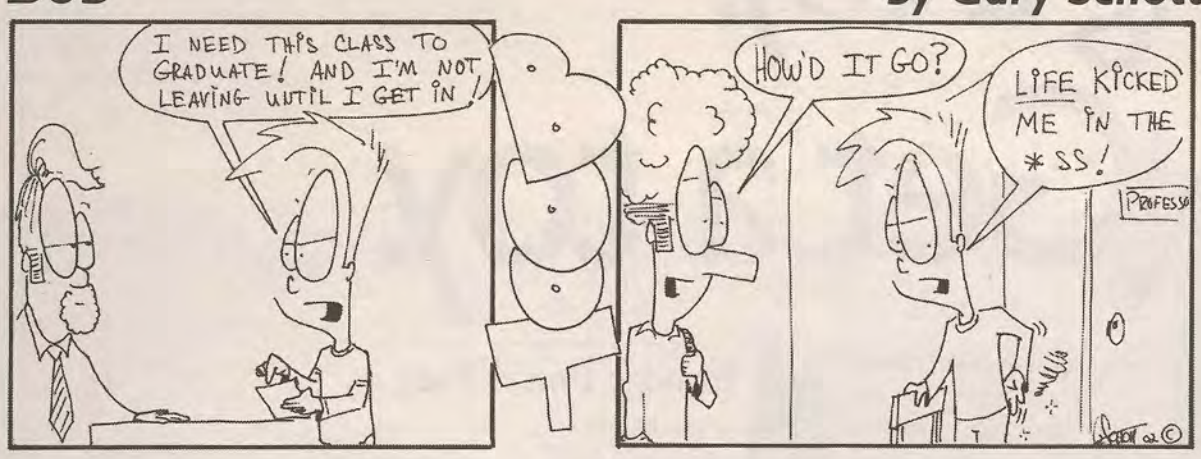
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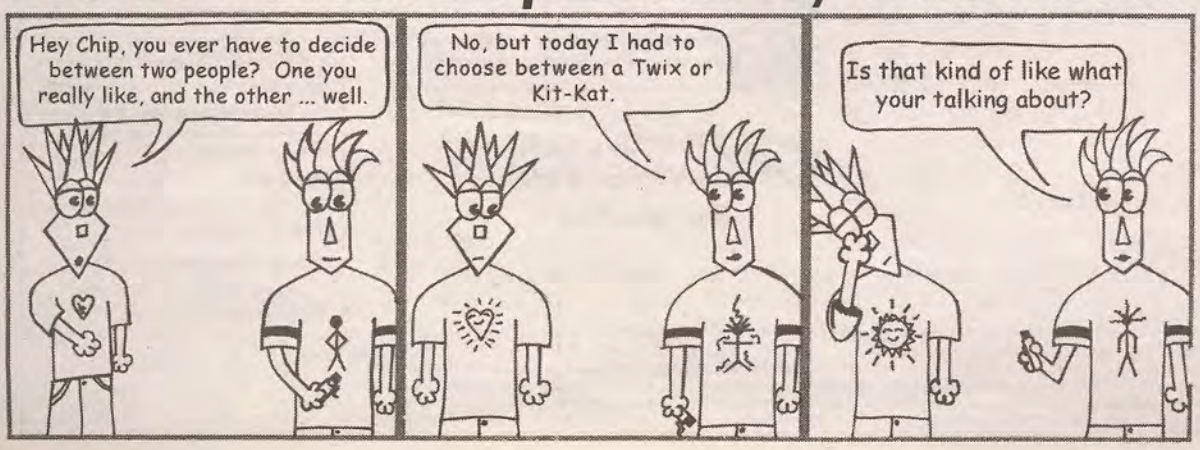
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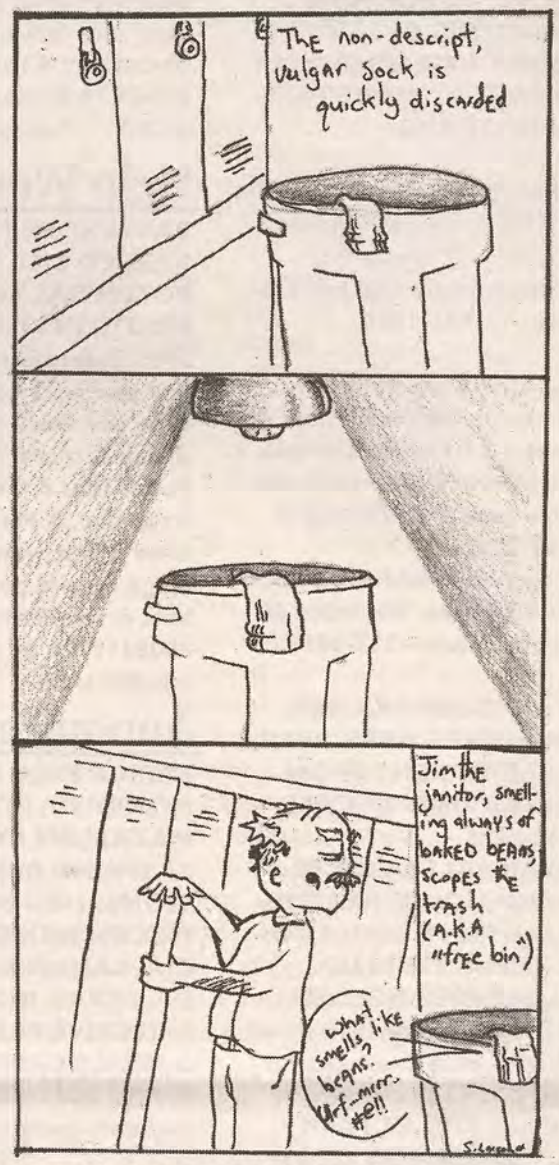
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Cross-Country coach excites

Scott Barthel
The Stoutonia



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University of Wisconsin-Stout Cross-Country Coach Joe Harlan is bundled up for the Midwest Challenge in early October. Both his Men's and Women's teams ran in the meet.

More than a year ago, Joe Harlan met the new Men's Cross Country and Track coach. In August 2002, Harlan had to say goodbye to the same man, who had become a good friend, as the coach resigned.

Now, Harlan has added finding a men's coach to his already hectic schedule.

Harlan manages this task by taking one step at a time and working as hard as he possibly can to achieve his goal, to make University of Wisconsin-Stout's running programs the best in the country.

"I am trying to take care of everyone!" said Harlan.

As the third year coach of the Women's Cross Country and Track and Field teams, Harlan was almost forced into taking over the men's team until the school, with Harlan's help, finds a new men's coach.

The school knew he could handle the job as he had coached both genders at his old job, the Men's and Women's Cross Country and Track Coach at Clark College in Washington state.

While he coached at Clark College, Harlan produced 72 All-Americans. At his last cross country regional meet, five out of the top seven women were from Clark.

One of the keys to having such great years at Clark College was the number of athletes out for the sport. When Harlan came to UW-Stout three years ago, the number of women in cross county and track were extremely small, with about eight and 15 participants, respectively.

In his first two years, getting more women out for the two sports was Harlan's main objective. This year, there were 20 women in cross-country, and he hopes for over 60 women in track.

Even coaches around the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) have noticed his work.

"I know because of the limited majors at the university that it's a little hard to recruit, but from what I have seen, Joe's done a very good job of recruiting," said Pat Healy, the Women's Cross Country and Track and Field Coach at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. "Increasing the numbers is a definite step in the right direction to a better team."

Steering the team in the right direction to become a better team has always been Harlan's goal. Now that he is starting to get the number of athletes he wants, he must face other challenges.

With the absence of a men's coach, Harlan is the only person in charge of overseeing the track and cross-country programs. It proves to be a tough test since there is more to coaching than just dealing with the student-athletes, as he is also responsible for the planning and expenses of both sports. The athletes notice his hard work.

"It's good to see him putting so much effort into the track team so early in the year," said Noah Fuller, an undecided sophomore, who is one of two returning male pole-vaulters. Last I heard Joe was trying to get a new pole vault pit. Our mats are getting old, and it would be really nice to have new stuff."

Besides the new mats, Harlan has some other ideas to improve both programs. He has visions of getting a new indoor track, a press box and bleachers for the outdoor track and new hurdles, just to name a few.

Harlan has great aspirations for his new hurdles.

"I want things to look nice," he said. "I want to look down a line and see all the hurdles with the same letters and logo, not six different kinds. To me, that would be a beautiful sight."

Harlan hopes that when people see UW-Stout's new equipment, they will recognize this place as a top quality program. That is one of the main purposes to all of his actions.

"If we want to be a first class program, then I want everything to be first class here: first class people, first class facilities, first class attitudes and first class equipment," Harlan said.

"Joe has done a nice job so far," Healy said. "He has been good for Stout and our conference. I see good things happening with the Women's Track and Cross Country teams at UW-Stout."

Border rivals part two



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Last week I made some strong statements about the Packers and Vikings. I also misspelled the word border each time I used it in my column last week. Impressive, I know.

This week I'm back with more on boarder rivals. I mean border rivals. Next in the border rivalry is college football. Ending their Big Ten Conference play, the Badgers and Gophers will face off this Saturday with almost nothing on the line but pride.

Neither team has been a driving force in the Big Ten this season, but that doesn't matter when it's a Minnesota Gophers verse the Wisconsin Badgers game. Why is this? Maybe it has something to do with the fact that the states share a BORDER.

Both teams have potent running attacks. Wisconsin has two strong runners who have gained over 1,600 yards and rushed for 13 touchdowns.

Meanwhile Minnesota's running backs have run for over 2,000 yards and 11 touchdowns.

Another factor that both teams have in common is the play of their quarterback. Gophers quarterback Asad Abdul-Khaliq and his Badgers counterpart Brooks Bollinger have been descent this year. But in the NCAA a team needs a better threat than "descent" at the quarterback posistion.

Wisconsin has found a new bright spot this year in freshman receiver Jonathan Orr. He has 806 receiving yards and eight touchdowns.

The Gophers bright spot was earlier in the year when the Gophers were ranked nationally, but that shining moment, as it seems to be for all Minnesota teams, was short-lived.

Coming into Saturday's match up, the Badgers are 6-6, but all six of the losses are in the conference. The Gophers are 7-4 and again, all of the losses were against Big Ten teams. Both teams have lost their last three games.

What does all of that mean for the game? Not much. Well except for the fact that after Saturday one of the teams will finally have a conference win.

Do I have a pick for the game? Not a chance. I thought the Packers were going to win in the Metrodome last week.

So the two things I learned are that Brett Favre and the dome don't mix and border doesn't have an A.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Tracy Oostdyk



The Facts:
Sophomore
Spooner, Wis.
Graphic Communication Management

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

UW-Stout placed 20th at the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional Cross Country Championships in Peoria, Ill., Saturday, Nov. 16.

Tracy Oostdyk was Stout's top performer, placing 64th with a time of 23-minutes, 19.87-secconds in the 6000-meter race.

Last Year:

Set and now holds the UW-Stout school track record in the steeplechase.

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Devil's tennis coach a smash

Lara Monk
The Stoutonia

With a Packer's license plate reading TNSNA1 (Tennis Anyone), would you consider Luther Olson an avid Packer fan, or a dedicated tennis coach?

Olson, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's tennis coach, has brought life to a team that was barely surviving. He is struggling with issues resulting from many newcomers this fall. This new life has meant a possibility of cuts for the future.

"After last year, having only 11 women on the team, we haven't had to make cuts," said Olson.

This year's team has been working at becoming more competitive, but the main question is commitment. The team needs the same kind of commitment that Olson gives the Packers.

"People have to want to be here," said Olson. "Early in the season next year, cutting is an option.. that can be tough."

Tayna Petcher, a senior majoring in early childhood education has known Olson for a year and a half.

"This year, practices have changed a bit," said Petcher, team captain. "Coach wanted more commitment from each member right from the start."

Commitment means more effort put forth, which in the end means more success.

"I've never been in a program where I've had to cut, but personally, I have been cut from a team before, so I know what it's like," said Olson.

This year, the possibility of six cuts could have made the difference between a more challenging and aggressive team verses a larger team with less competitiveness. Having such a large number makes it difficult for individual time with athletes.

"Dealing with athletes one-on-one and watching them grow is one of my favorite aspects of coaching," said Olson.

Olson played No. 1 singles and doubles his sophomore, junior and senior years at North Central College. Although he has the tennis experience, he may not have been ready for 11 women player's dilemma situations.

"Cliques form within a team and often change, changing the team chemistry constantly," said Olson. "For instance, when traveling, men have no trouble with room arrangements, whereas with women, room assignments are quite difficult."

The team members have enjoyed having Olson there to talk to as a coach, but also as a friend.

"His personal beliefs usually stay off the court, but if they are applicable to what's going on, he lets us see his viewpoint," said Petcher. "When the athletes feel free to joke with him, it allows them to be more open."

Accessibility isn't Olson's only confident characteristic.

"Coach has a lot of strengths," said Petcher, "such as his knowledge and skill of the game, ability to look at things objectively and a role model image. "He doesn't have a lot of weaknesses, but sometimes I could say that he's too nice."

"We need him to just tell us what we're doing wrong and not sugar coat everything," said Petcher.

Although there may be times where Olson is too nice, the players look to him for advise and tips on technique.

Many athletes, young and old, have role models who they look towards for tips on their game.

"I model my game after Andre Agassi," said Olson. "When it comes to life in general, I look at other influences, but for tennis, my college coach had a huge impact on my game."

Some question whether or not Olson will remain at UW-Stout. Because the coaching position is not a full-time job, issues may surface regarding if Olson would have to leave UW-Stout.

"If other things arise, like schooling, it will affect whether I can stay," said Olson. Olson is currently pursuing his master's degree in experiential education from Minnesota State-Manakato.

"One of the reasons I came back this year was because of Coach," said Petcher. "He's very dedicated to the team, and it would be a lot different without him."

The team has grown stronger with the presence of Olson in the past year and a half. Before Olson arrived at the UW-Stout the number of women tennis players was at nine.

His first season out, there were 11 athletes including two who returned from the previous season. This fall the number increased again by six women.

The future for the tennis team is up in the air, but many have great expectations.

"You want success in order to develop pride and prestige in the program," said Terry. "When you have this, the wins just come."

Olson hopes to see those victories pile up.

"Some of my goals haven't been achieved yet, but yet is the key word," said Olson. "They will be obtained; we just need to work harder."



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Tennis Coach Luther Olson instructs his players during a match held at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

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Do you want fries with that?



FITLIVING
Ann Syrstad

The school year is well on its way, and everyone's headed in different directions. Some grab a burger after class, a burrito before basketball, a hot dog during a game and maybe pizza on the way home. But could we make it through the week without fast food?

Walk into your favorite fast food joint and you will be intoxicated with the distinguishable smell of a nutritionist's worst nightmare.... fat and salt.

"I love french fries," says Neil Swetz, a sophomore from Blenker, Wisc. majoring in hospitality and tourism. "You couldn't pay me to quit eating them."

Be honest with yourself. Fast food is part of your busy life. It is a challenge to pass up the convenience that fast food has to offer.

The most recent National Food Survey shows that roughly an eighth of the calories, fat and saturated fat in the average diet come from food that is bought and eaten away from home.

A New York City lawyer even filed suit in July against the four big fast-food corporations, saying fatty foods are responsible for his client's obesity and related health problems.

The lead plaintiff, 56-year-old maintenance supervisor Caesar Barber, ate at fast-food restaurants four or five times a week and blames his fatty diet for his obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and cholesterol and the two heart attacks he has suffered.

The aim of the legal action is to force the fast-food industry to offer a larger variety to the consumers, including non-meat vegetarian items, fewer grams of fat, and a reduction of meal size, along with federal legislation that would require warning labels on fast food similar to those on tobacco products, Hirsch said in an interview with FoxNews.com.

But there is still hope; no fast food splurge should blow a diet such as Barber's did. It is what you eat in totality for the day that matters, so fast food every once in a while is okay. The typical fast food meal: a sandwich, French fries and pop can be balanced into your diet.

To save yourself not only calories, but also money, try these tips:

* Try ordering water and small fries. There is really no need to super size; you will not only save money, but also your waistline. Also, keep in mind that chicken tenders or grilled chicken can be a healthier substitute for a burger.

* Detour to the nearest grocery store. You can often pick up fruit and veggies that would satisfy your hunger.

* Instead of fast food every night, try ethnic take out foods, like Chinese. These foods tend to be filled with vegetables and a lot more energy than any burger.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Students often grab a quick meal between classes, but do they ever stop to considier the healthiness of the food?

To help you decide which fast foods are the safest bet, take a nutritionist's advice from Health Education Authority's Thinkfast website. The "best" fast foods are: Wendy's Mandarin Chicken Salad, McDonald's Fruit and Yogurt Parfait, Burger King's BK Veggie Burger, Subways' Low-fat Subs.

But if French fries just keep calling your name, go for it! Just remember to limit yourself and only eat them every once in a while. While it is not necessary to be a fish–eating vegetarian to look and feel your best, it is important to incorporate at least some healthful behaviors into your lifestyle.

"Before ordering a Big 'N Tasty from a 99 cent menu, I'd rather put some extra money towards something that's somewhat healthy," says Victoria Zolp, a junior majoring in applied math from Plymouth, Wis. "I could live off of Subway."

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Blue Devil football just misses



UTILITY PLAY'A
Joe Pollock

They say it's a game of inches. This old cliché may never have been as appropriate as it was for the Blue Devils on Saturday.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout needed a win over the first place University of Wisconsin-La Crosse for a share of the conference title and an automatic bid to the NCAA Division III playoffs. Needless to say, everything was on the line for the Blue Devils.

Trailing 28-21 in the fourth quarter, the Blue Devils' backs were against the wall. However, with such a dynamic offense and punishing defense, everyone in Don and Nona Williams stadium knew that they could pull it off.

The final drive was impressive, going 85 yards on 16 plays, and was capped off by a Luke Bundgaard touchdown run with just 37 seconds remaining.

The touchdown brought the Blue Devils within one point of UW-La Crosse and to a very important decision: kick the point after and take the game into overtime, or go for two and put the season on the line for one last play.

Complicating matters was the loss of a key player earlier in the game. Holder Eric Moe, a senior from Hixton, Wis. was, injured and could not return to assist in the point after attempt.

So, after a timeout, head coach Ed Meierkort sent the offense back on to the field. Two and a half yards and eleven determined defenders were all that stood in the way.

BLUE DEVILS HAVE 14 NAMED TO ALL-CONFERENCE TEAM

Ben Knepper	Josh Towner
Luke Bundgaard	Matt Schaeuble
Jamie Spielman	Ryan Englebert
Mark Ralph	Nick Ohman
Joe Kersten	Matt Mueller
Tyrone Rhone	Eric Moe
Clint Greenebaum	Jarrid Gohs

Quarterback Nick Ohman, a sophomore from Glennwood City,Wis., took the snap and rolled to his left. With blockers in front and defenders charging in, he dove for the end zone, stretching the ball as far as he could.

No signal from the referee. He didn't make it in. He was about twelve inches short, just about as long as the length of a football. The Blue Devils' season had ended.

It was difficult for anyone to look for the positives after such an excruciating loss. Indeed players, coaches, and fans needed some time to let the shock wear off. Some cried and some stared off into the distance, but this team had a lot to be proud of.

"I don't know of too many seasons that come down to one play from three yards for a chance to be conference champions and go to the NCAA playoffs," said Meierkort. "Our players handled the loss the way I expected them to – with class and dignity."

"Obviously being 7-3 and nationally ranked all season is something we are proud of," said Meierkort. "This team is 26-6 in the last three seasons and only graduates 6 seniors. If we keep working hard it will be another great season next year."

With eleven returning offensive starters, six returning defensive starters, and all of the team's specialists, the pieces are still in place.

"I think that this team can be one of the best the school has ever had if they stay together and work hard in the off-season," Meierkort said.

"I would like to thank the students and faculty for their great support all season," Meierkort said. "The atmosphere at Williams Stadium is second to none."



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Music professor Stephanie Graber is one of the campus' finest.

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student life

Walking at night can be dangerous, and students should be aware of self-defense tecniques.

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Eleven pipe bombs found

Rachel Kasinskas
Becky Hartung
The Stoutonia

On the evening of Friday, Nov. 22 Jeremy Prange a University of Wisconsin-Stout student was arrested after 11 pipe bombs were discovered in his dorm room.

"According to his statements to police, he said he was going to use the bombs to blow up pumpkins," said John Enger director of univeristy relations.

Prange is a freshmen majoring in general business administration, although the university has temporarily suspended him.

In addition to the bombs police found other explosive materials and teh tools necessary to create bombs in Prange's dorm room in fourth floor Wigen Hall.

Prange told the police that he didn't know he was doing anything illegal, and actually showed the officers the bombs.

"We view this as a very dumb mistake made by a poorly informed young man," said Enger. "However, we are taking the situation seriously, and will treat it with the gravity it deserves."

> "It wasn't that big of a deal, but they turned it into one because of that guy last year."
>
> **Jules Heinemann, III**
> *freshman, industrial design*

The University police chief Lisa Walter said the department is keeping the informant confidential.

The case is not yet closed, while Prange will likely be charged with a felony under statue statutes; he will not be charged fedrally.

"We have provided info to the FBI, but they're not interested in coming," said Enger.

Prange appeared in court on Monday, Nov. 25, where the judge ordered him not to return to campus. That day he was released under his mother's custody with a $5,000 signature bond.

"He's a really nice guy; he helped people out," said Christian Ward, a freshman in technology education who lives on the fourth floor of Wigen. "I'm sure that whatever's being said is hideously out of proportion."

Questions arise of a connection with Prange and Luke Helder, who has been accused of planting 18 pipe bombs in mailboxes in five states last spring. Helder currently faces trial in Iowa on two federal felonies.

> "The university is sending the message that if you're messing around with explosives and bombs, you're subjecting yourself to serious consequences."
>
> **John Enger**
> *director university relations*

"Nothing we have found connects him to Helder. [Prange] wasn't even on this campus last year," said Enger.

Prange faces possible prison term, but this is at the district attorney's discretion.

Numerous Wigen residents voiced that they did not feel threatened by this incident.

"I'm not scared because he only wanted to blow up pumpkins," said Tiffany Baca, a freshman in retail merchandising management. "The media blew this way out of proportion."

Jules Heinemann III, a freshman in industrial design said, "It wasn't that big of a deal, but they turned it into one because of that guy last year."

UW-Stout is using this incident as a warning for all students. Engar said, "The university is sending the message that if you're messing around with explosives and bombs, you're subjecting yourself to serious consequences."

Student technology fees bring new high-tech gadgets and services to UW-Stout campus

Aleshia Browuer
The Stoutonia

Have you ever looked at your student bill? Ever wonder where some of those extra fees actually go?

The student technology fee is a part of that. It's money that is brought in by UW-Stout students to help finance extra technologies around campus.

"The students have good legitimate input into what the money is spent on," said Joe Brown, the University of Wisconsin-Stout's chief information officer.

Two percent of every student's tuition goes towards this fund.

"It's a really open process, any individual or committee can make a proposal to the committee," said Claudia Smith, professor of art and committee faculty representative. "It's really helped maintain technology at a high level."

When any student or committee submits an idea for the money to be spent on, it goes to the student technology fee committee. They view the proposals and decide which ones to invest in.

"The committee now is trying to decide how to use next years budget." said Brown.

All proposals for the year 2003-2004 were due last Nov. and each proposal will be discussed today, Dec. 5 at the committee meeting.

"It comes down to what technology does the most for the campus," said Rome Cagle, the Stout Student Association president. "We have approximately 16 proposals that were submitted and accepted."

Things such as computer kiosks, public printers, the Journal of Student Research, and even a new sound board for the radio station Power 100 have been funded by this fee.

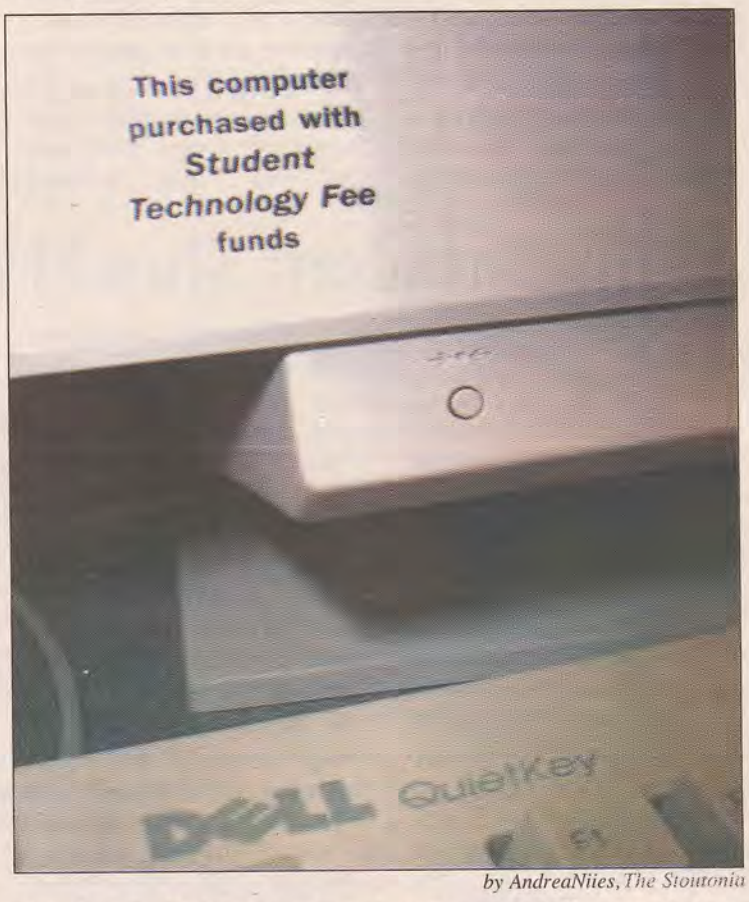
A large portion of the fee also helps pay for the student network storage, campus network, and ASK 5000 personnel.

"The tech fee has truly been instrumental in building the network," said Brown. "This is how to go the extra mile."

Ideas on the table for this years meeting include updating the Macintosh software for the computers in Micheels Hall, an independent web server and improving seven kiosks.

"Sometimes we just get ideas from the students about what can be enhanced," said Smith. "We use the money to benefit all the students, its not program specific."

For more information aobut the technology fee visit the website at www.ssa.uwstout.edu.



by AndreaNiies, The Stoutonia

Numerous public kiosk compters, as well as printers located across campus, are made available due to the student technology fees.

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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UW prepares for budget cuts

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

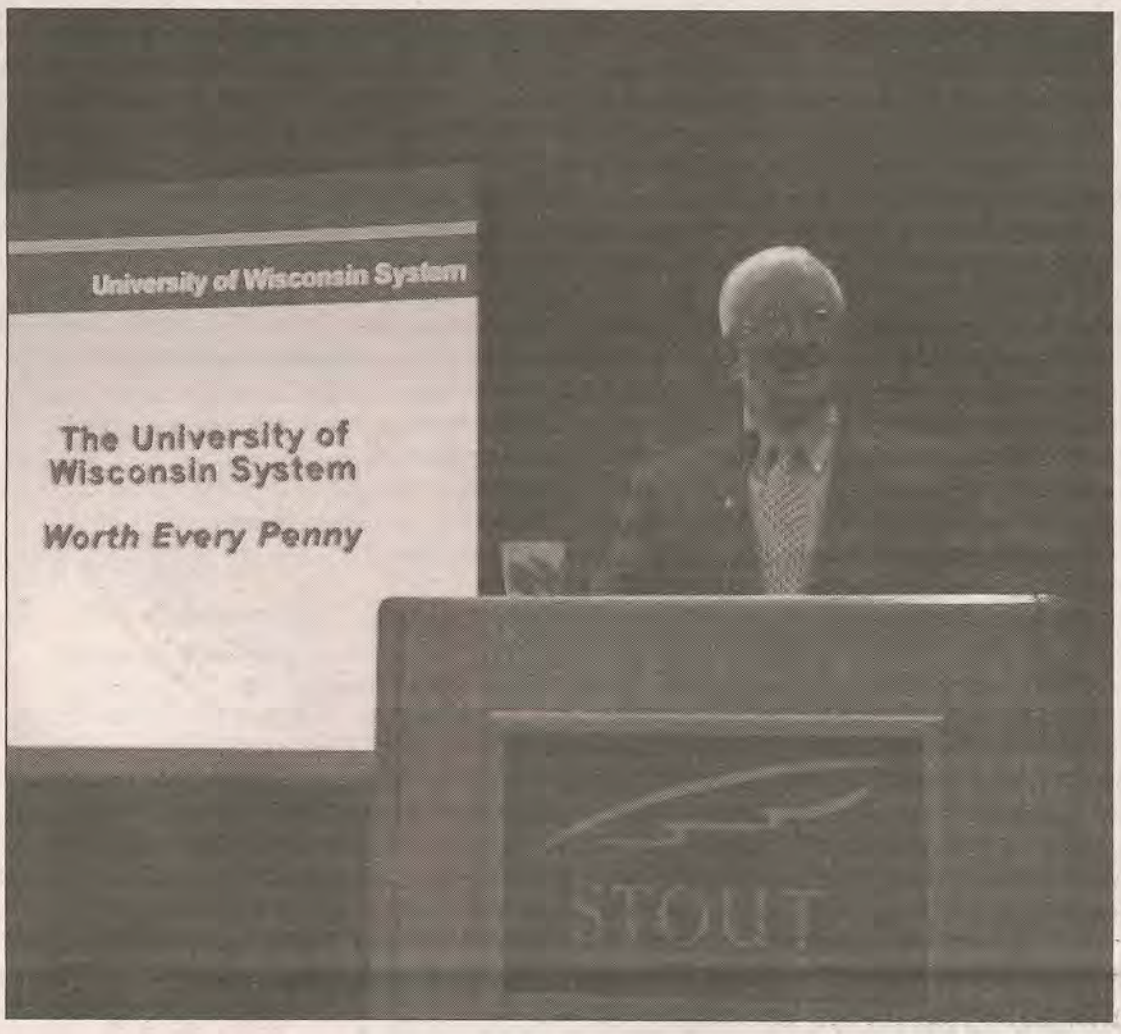
When the budget gets reduced, tuition tends to go up, good slasses get cut and teachers get laid off.

The University of Wisconsin System may be facing a five percent reduction in state funding next year, an amount of nearly $50 million that could result in enrollment cuts of close to 8,000 students and layoffs of almost 1,000 faculty and staff system-wide.

"We're almost convinced that we're going to get a budget reduction," said University of Wisconsin-Stout Chancellor Charles Sorensen at a budget hearing held Wednesday afternoon.

The only question left to answer, is how much?

The UW System Board of Regents met in November to review the findings of the UW System's budget reduction exercise. This exercise was required of all state agencies by the Wisconsin Department of Administration.



by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

UW-Stout Chancellor Charles Sorensen addressed audiences at two budget hearings this week. It is becoming clearer that UW budget cuts of at least five percent are inevitable.

Two scenarios were considered. The first assumes the UW System would reduce enrollment by 7,816 full time equivalency (FTE) students and 968 faculty and staff to maintain current support per student without a tuition increase. The UW System would also lose $23.6 million in tuition revenue due to the enrollment cut.

The second scenario allows for maintaining programs and student services by offsetting the five- percent cut in state support with an 8.4 percent tuition increase. For in-state students attending UW-Stout, that increase would mean approximately an extra $265.

"We are just starting to study and model various scenarios regarding any budget reductions," said Robert Sedlak, provost and vice chancellor for academic and student affairs.

While the budget exercise was theoretical, it has highlighted the difficult choices the university could face in the near future. Because of the state's $1.3 billion deficit, state agencies like the university are preparing for the worst.

John Enger, executive director of university relations for UW-Stout has calculated the potential results of both five percent cuts and 20 percent cuts in state funding.

At UW-Stout, a five percent cut in funding would force enrollment to be cut by 193 FTE students and would have a negative impact of $2.7 million on the Menomonie area economy.

A 20 percent cut would decrease enrollment by 770 FTE students and would have a $10.7 million negative impact on the local economy.

"The economy is very complex," said Linda McIntyre, executive director of the Greater Menomonie Area Chamber of Commerce. "The loss of $2.7 million would have a ripple effect that would touch the entire community. I would expect that numerous small businesses would likely close, and many would have layoffs of employees."

As newly elected officials move into their offices, UW schools will be waiting to hear what kind of funds they will have to work with next year.

"We will all need to be very active during the coming months," said Dave Hay, director of financial affairs for the Stout Student Assocation. "Wisconsin needs schools. Wisconsin needs jobs. Wiscosnin needs high-skilled employees."

Administration: Should advisement day continue as is?

Molly Stanley
The Stoutonia

Depending on recent survey results, advisement day at the University of Wisconsin-Stout could soon be eliminated.

Provost Robert Sedlak, said that advisement day is not up to par, so an assessment should be developed to improve its academic quality to the students.

Although some students do take advantage of the extra day to meet with their advisor, some feel that the day is not necessary for all students.

"I think that advisement day is definitely a good idea for the freshmen and sophomores who are still new to their program because they can get a lot of good information from their advisors, but for the upper class students it can feel like a waste of time since they already pretty much know what they are doing, " said Stacey Werner, a junior in general business administration.

For advisors, the loss of advisement day could mean other methods of trying to reach their students. Geoffrey Wheeler, an assistant professor of art and design suggested that advisors meet with their students either during the week prior to the beginning of the semester or during the first week of classes. Freshmen could find this especially helpful as a way to gain their ground with their programs and familiarize themselves with the campus.

Currently all advisors have their own method for reaching their students on this day. Some meet with their students in a group setting while others meet with them one on one.

Forrest Schultz, applied science program director, said that he meets with applied science majors as a group and then speaks with about eight students individually to resolve more personal concerns.

"I feel it is a very important day that helps students and helps programs respond to student needs," Schultz said.

Raymond Hayes, advisor for undecided students said, "Advisement day in and of itself is a very good idea, the flaw is in the manner in which it is executed."

University planning is currently looking for ways in which to improve advisement day such as offering training to all advisors to make advising more uniform and helpful to students.

A task force consisting of the college deans, provost and faculty senate are looking into the possibility of expanding the college of human development's advising survey to the entire campus. They also plan to review registration policies for add, drop and repeat of courses.

"I think that advisors too often tell you to go and talk to the program director," Werner said. "They (advisors) should know the answers to the questions I ask instead of just sending me to see the program director. They should have some sort of training so that they can answer my questions instead of sending me elsewhere."

Some individuals on campus see advisement day as just another day off of school or work. Schultz said that the importance of advisement day may need to be reinforced in both students and faculty.

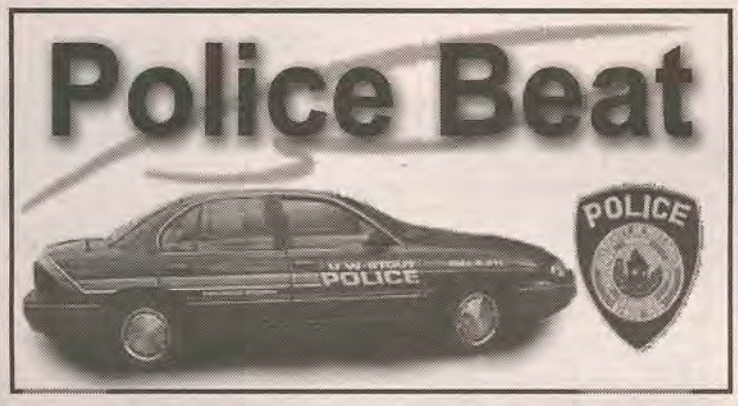
"Too many students and faculty see the day as a blow off or an unofficial holiday," Hayes said. "If all advising faculty were held accountable (i.e. come to work or be docked pay) and if all students were required to meet with their advisors (i.e. meet or enforce a registration hold) this could work the way it was intended."

Whether or not advisement day will change is still in debate. Students or faculty members who would like to give their input about advisement day can contact the deans of the colleges or go to the administration building room 210 to fill out a survey.

"Let's not throw it away; let's fix it," Hayes said.

NEWS

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Compiled by Greta Hittner and the UW-Stout Police

Stolen pack
A student reported to police on Nov. 12 that his backpack was stolen from a lounge area of Oetting Hall. He had left the backpack unattended for a short time. Among the contents of the bag were a diamond ring worth $2,000 and a watch worth $500. The backpack was returned later that day to the front desk of CKTO with all the contents except the watch.

Suspicious character
A faculty member reported the suspicious behavior of a male outside of a computer lab in Jarvis Hall Technology Wing. The male on two occasions checked the door handles but did not actually enter the lab. Both times, the male had checked the doors at about 8 p.m., when the lab is not heavily used. The information was passed on to police because of the suspicious nature of the male.

Clean Klepto
A student reported that her clothes were stolen out of a washing machine in CKTO. She had left the machine unattended while the clothes were washing; when she returned, all of her clothes were gone. On Nov. 7 she said she saw a student wearing a Mondovi softball shirt that looked like the one that had been stolen from her. The student knows most people from her town, but didn't recognize the student wearing the shirt. Police told the student a follow up on the incident would be completed.

M&M missiles
Three students were observed outside North Hall by hall staff on Nov. 13 launching M&M's from wrist rockets. The students were launching the M&M's at a friend's window. Police informed the students that it is in violation of University regulations to launch any type of missile on university land. The students were also informed that any further acts would result in arrest. The officer confiscated the wrist rockets and told them that M&M's were customarily used for eating, not shooting.

Smash and run
A student in Tustison Hall reported on Nov. 14 that an unknown person threw something at his outside window, smashing it. The student ran outside to see who had caused the damage and did not see anyone. The student did not give permission for anyone to break his window.

Library computer abuse
On Nov. 15, a Library Learning Center staff member reported having problems with middle school aged kids being in the library and abusing the use of the computers. He reported that the kids were using the computers for chat-lines, pornography and other non-educational uses. Complaints from UW-Stout students were made that the computers were not available to use. The staff member requested that police do a walkthrough to ensure that no one without a UW-Stout ID was using the facility.

Smokin rolls
The Menomonie Fire Department was dispatched to South Hall on Nov. 18 due to an active smoke alarm. The source of smoke was the pizza oven in the lobby area. Approximately nine pizza rolls of an unknown brand had been burned in the oven. There were no injuries or damage due to smoke, however, the pizza rolls were deemed quite inedible.

Attack threat
A student received a small laceration on his forehead when two males threatened to jump him outside of North Hall on Nov. 21. The unknown individuals told the student to start running. When other students of North Hall approached the individuals, they dispersed. The student could not and would not identify the males and refused treatment for the laceration.

Smelly room
An RA of South Hall called police on Nov. 23 to report a strong odor of marijuana coming from a resident's room. The responding officer also observed a strong odor in the hallway, but was unsure of which room was emitting the odor. Contact with the resident of the suspicious room did not occur.

Broken mirror
A student reported on Nov. 26 that someone had vandalized his car while it was parked outside in UW-Stout's Lot 4. The driver side mirror was removed without the owner's permission. The mirror fixture was broken from the vehicle and the wires cleanly cut. The mirror fixture was then left on the hood of the vehicle. There are no suspects at this time.

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1		147 1/2 Main St #6	$200	$200	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/bathroom off hallway /location N/P	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #8	$190	$190	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/Location/N/P	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #9	$225	$225	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/bathroom off hallway /location N/P	SR
1	1	620 9th Ave	$220	$220	n/a	n/a	Efficiency Apartment	3
1	1	802 6th Av #2	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	All Util included, great location/ N/P	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #1	$260	$260	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus N/P	6
1	1	702 - 4th St.	$263	$263	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #2	$290	$290	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus N/P	6
1	1	1220 6th Av E	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	Cozy efficiency apt with all utilities except Elec	8
1	1	1222 6th Ave	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	Cozy, studio, all util except elec, avail	8
1	1	611 13th St E	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #5	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus N/P	6
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #3	$320	$320	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus N/P	6
1	1	113 1/2 Main St. #1	$325	$325	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash/ LOCATION N/P	9
1	1	803 Wilson Av #5	$350	$350	n/a	n/a	Includes Utilities	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #4	$350	$350	n/a	n/a	Includes Util/Location	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #6	$350	$350	n/a	n/a	Includes Util/Location	8
1	1	1520 7th Street	$385	$385	n/a	n/a	Close to campus/parking	D
1	1	803 Wilson Av #7	$455	$455	n/a	n/a	Close to campus	8
1	1	803 Wilson Av #8	$370	$370	n/a	n/a	Avail 9/1 Close to campus/util included	8
1	1	421 Wilson Ave. #3	$375	$375	n/a	n/a	Inc. Heat, WSG, Hot Water, parking	6
2	1	115 1/2 W. Main	$350	$175	$4000	$200	Close to campus and downtown	D
2	1	802 6th Av #5	$480	$240	n/a	n/a	Util included/off street parking	D
2	1	113 W. Main	$350	$175	$420	$210	Close to campus and downtown	H
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2	1	921 Main St #2	$400	$200	$480	$240	Good location	4
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2	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$400	$200	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash/ LOCATION	9
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2	1	1721 1/2 7th St.	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc Utilities/good location/washer/dryer	D
2	1	620 1/2 9th Ave	$480	$240	$555	$278	Lg upper apt close to campus	3
2	1	607 13th St	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt/off st parking/ut inc except elec.	8
2	1	603 13th St E	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
2	1	605 13th St E	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
2		147 1/2 Main St "C"	$650	$325	n/a	n/a	Inc. Util/Location N/P	4
2	1	1502 - 10th St.	$520	$260	$640	$320	Garage/WashDry hook-up	H
2	1	1310 1/2 Main St.	$540	$270	n/a	n/a	Very nice upper apt/Large	D
2	1	1721 7th St.	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Inc utilities/good location/large apt	D
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$420	$140	$540	$180	WasherDryer/Next to campus	D
3	1	802 6th Ave #4	$660	$220	$610	$220	Parking, Util inc	6
4	1	1311 S. Broadway	$525	$131	$645	$161	WasherDryer/Next to campus	D
4	1	1606 10th St.	$580	$145	$750	$188	House behind Lammers, w/d hook-up	H
4	1	1809 - 6th St.	$600	$150	$740	$185	WashDry hook-up/Gas Heat/Garage	H
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	WashDry hook-up/Gas Heat/Garage	H
4	1	321 13th Ave. W.	$620	$155	$740	$187	Super Location / HOUSE	H
4	1	2235 So Broadway	$900	$225	$1,060	$190	Super location/large house/parking	H
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$1,000	$250	$1,200	$300	Gas heat/Storage	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave	$725	$145	$875	$175	WashDry hook-up/Storage/Gas heat	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	2	516 19th Ave. W.	$895	$179	$1,045	$209	Large/Parking/Family room	D
5	2	512 19th Ave. W.	$900	$180	$1,050	$210	Large / Parking / Family room	D
5	2	405 20th Ave E	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Great house/washer/dryer	H
5	2	409 13th Ave W.	$920	$184	$1,120	$224	some new carpet and lino	H
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr.#1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/washer dryer	D
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr.#2	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/washer dryer	D
6	1.5	221 4th St. W	$810	$135	$1010	$168	Wash/Dryer/Gas/N. Campus	H
6	2	1402 8th	$810	$135	$990	$165	Wash/Dryer/Gas Heat	H
6	2+	408 18th Av W	$1,500	$250	$1,670	$278	Wonderful, w/d, close to campus	H
6	2	114 17th Ave	$1,050	$175	$1260	$210	Super location w/d hookup	D
6	2	205 W 17th Ave	$1,500	$250	$1,650	$275	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
6	2	205 W 17th Ave	$1,500	$250	$1,650	$275	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
6	2	205 W 17th Ave	$1,500	$250	$1,650	$275	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
10	3	1609 - 6th St.	$1,600	$160	$1,900	$190	Super condition/lots of room/location	H
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Triumph says-
"Ah, *The Stoutonia*, good for house breaking my little ones."



Common sense isn't a college prerequisite

Seeing as how I've gotten no complaints from readers, I think I'll go for another pop quiz this week.

How little common sense must one have to get into college these days?

The answer: not very much, considering the events of the past few weeks.

I think most of you out there can see what a terrible idea it is to make pipe bombs at a school that is notorious for them.

I think most of you could see the idiocy in posting semi-nude pictures of people you aren't sure are 18.

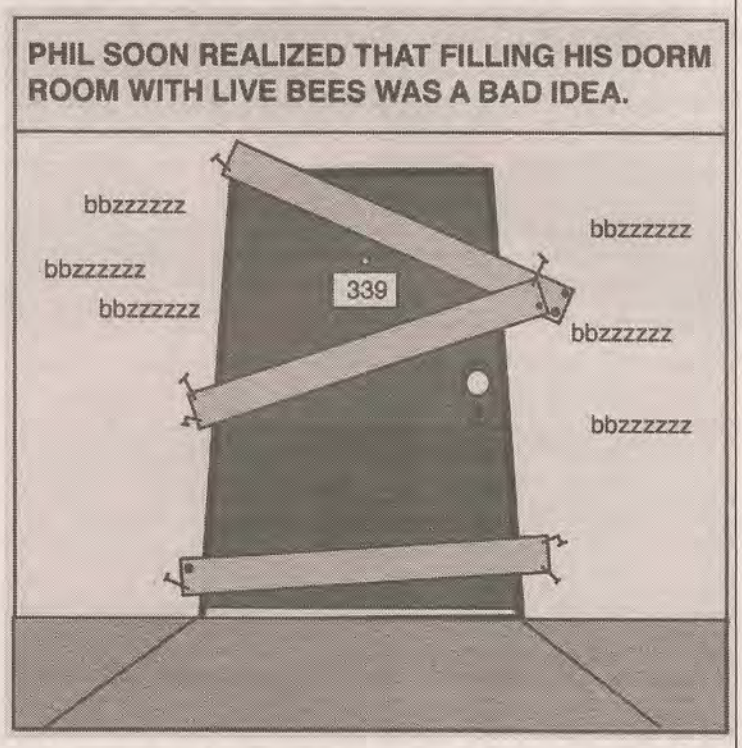
I say most of you, because apparently it is not all of you.

In recent weeks, we've heard stories of students exhibiting dangerously low levels of common sense.

How does this happen you ask? Well, I think if we knew the answer to that we could simultaneously do away with helmet laws, cautions signs on boiling hot coffee and about 40 percent of all traffic signs.

But as it stands, we live, work and learn along-side people who don't seem to realize that DO NOT ENTER and ONE WAY aren't just suggestions.

I know a lot of you out there have probably heard of the Darwin Awards. These are the awards for people who kill themselves doing things that were so stupid, we're glad they're gone and not messing with our gene pool.



Well, *The Stoutonia* is giving out its own award. It's called the *What-The-Hell* Award. The *W.T.H.* is given to people who will get an "F" in current events.

Winners include anyone who builds explosive devices at a school known for cross-country pipebombers and people who get caught with what many might consider child porn in a time when the news is flooded with pedofiles.

The end to a very "Rocky" semester



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

On the ropes the once strong contender had no options left. He forces his head up one more time just to see the knock-out punch flying towards his jaw. His mouthpiece flies across the ring in slow motion as the end finally appears to have come.

If you ask any of my friends, I use far too many analogies in my daily life. Everything can be equated to something in life.

Well, today it dawned on me that this semester has been a lot like a boxing match. More importantly, it has been a boxing match where I have been beaten to a bloody pulp.

I knew taking 19 credits and being in charge of *The Stoutonia* would be a heavy load, but never did I anticipate all the extra stress this semester has brought.

My grandfather goes in and out of the hospital, a right cross.

Planning for my future wedding, a few hard jabs to the stomach.

A job interview that I would be a fool to miss that is four hours away; a near fatal uppercut.

It seems that up to Thanksgiving break, I was clearly taking the majority of the shots right on my chin. I was reeling from it all, and the ring-side announcer was ready to step in and call the fight.

Then, suddenly, the theme music from Rocky starts in. What's this? Is the champ starting to his feet?

I finally realized just how badly I was being beat. Now I finally have the energy to come back and tackle all that was before me.

It starts with a few dodges left and right. You never come out swinging to get back in it. That just ends in disappointment. Then when you get to your feet, it's time to start swinging.

It would have been nice to just be conservative and wait for the bell, but there is no way I'd win this decision. I had to go for the knockout. That meant tackling all the work that had piled up head-on.

Each day this week I assigned to a different class and just went at it. Granted, each day was about four hours of steady homework, but now at least I know I can finish this semester strong.

It may have started with a few cheap shots, but I think I am finally ready to throw the knock-out punch.

When my days are numbered, I won't number yours



TESTPATTERN
Matt Tracy, Esq.

I now would like to make it my mission in life to become a driving instructor and beat the crap out of the next generation of kids so they don't drive like the current generation.

Seriously, why is it that I am compelled to write an opinion piece about driving, year after year? In the past, I've covered driving in the winter, dealing with the insanely dangerous intersections in the residential parts of Menomonie and my favorite, parking.

This has all sprung from my job that I started this semester. See, I drive a delivery van for Flowers On Main (free plug: buy all your flowers there). In the course of a day, I am witness to what can only be described as an orchestrated demonstration of man's inability to not drive with his head up his ass.

For me, it came to a head on Monday when I had to dodge an elderly couple going the wrong way in front of JTC on Broadway. That's right, somehow this old lady got going the wrong way and was coming at me from under the walkway .

So now, I'm going to dedicate this column to convincing you that after a certain age, people shouldn't drive a car.

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Letters to the Editor

Field House woes

Dear Editor,

For years I have been just sitting quietly and just accepting things for the way they are. Well I have had enough bullshit; from instructors who just seem like they don't give a rat's ass about anyone to the lack of recreational facilities on this campus.

Way back in 1999 when I got a tour of this campus I specifically remember being told that the recreational facilities are open all the time and that I could go down there and play basketball, volleyball, tennis, or just run whenever I wanted to. The first part is true the recreation facilities are always open, but there needs to be an asterisk by I could go down there and play whenever I wanted to. That asterisk should read—"Facilities will not be available during 2nd and 3rd quarter when the Fieldhouse is first used for Stout athletics, then used for intramural's, and every left over second goes to clubs." Then I was under the assumption that the new gym built would be only for basketball. I guess it is true what they say about ass-u-me(ing) things. It was purposely built smaller so no intramurals could be held in there. Last year (even though I'm still pissed) I can to accept the fact that yoga, kickboxing, crunch, step, ect.... got first dibs on the gym. So be it I say. They are done at the latest 8:30 every night. Now tonight(Dec. 3rd) I go down there after all the fitness classes are over and I'm told that the rugby team has the gym for the next 2-1/2 hours. And of course I can't get into the Fieldhouse because of intramurals. I don't want anyone to think that I'm taking shots at the fitness programs or the rugby team because I'm not. I am just fed up with the fact that I can never get into a gym to play basketball when you can't even play outside because of a little season in Wisconsin I like to call Winter.

To all the recreation basketball players out there that have had the same frustrations that I have had what are we to do? Do we have to start our own club so we can sign up for gym time? or Should we just brave the elements and play out side? What should we do?

Sincerly

Kory Fredrikson

More about submissions

Dear Mr. Nick Coenen,

After reading the article regarding alumni submissions (November 21, 2002), I was very disappointed. To not allow alumni, especially those who can provide current students with cultural experiences, to write an article in the Stoutonia is an outrage! Stout prides itself on being open to cultural diversity, and I feel that you are turning down a great opportunity for such an article. Further more, alumni have been very supportive of this school and its organizations, it should only be appropriate that Stout and its organizations in turn support alumni. If Ryan Lundberg wishes to write an article for the Stoutonia I would think that you, the Stoutonia staff, should be honored to have someone want to volunteer their time for the cultural enhancement of those here at Stout. I feel that by turning down his request this projects a negative image to the students here that would like to submit their own articles. I firmly believe that his articles, based on his experiences, would benefit students better than articles discussing bartenders or Things People will do for a Buck (both articles which discussed bars and drinking within a university that already has a negative reputation for excessive alcohol usage). I think that there should be some very serious reconsideration about policies within the Stoutonia; after reading the alumni article I feel I am getting mixed messages coming from our student paper. I underlined "our" to get my point across because as a student I would like to see Mr. Lundberg's articles in our paper.

This is not a personal crack at anyone who works for the Stoutonia; I would just like to see more cultural enriched articles that enhance everyone's personal growth here at Stout.

From a Disappointed Student,
Kari Dawson

Dear Editor Mr. Nick;

My greatest appreciation for taking the time out and writing a response to my letter. I just want to say thanks for being that person; I don't think a lot of folks would like that responsibility. About the policy, what can I say? Right now I live by policy and procedures so I have to respect them. I would really just like to welcome anyone who reads the Stoutonia and is interested in my adventures with the Peace Corps to email me. Outside of building houses with Habitat for Humanity, teaching health education to 3 to 6 year-olds, and trying to reduce the HIV/Aids rate down here my night life is slow. I can assure you my email works properly. For those who write for the Stoutonia, keep up the hard work. Peace in the Middle East!

May 2002 alumni

Ryan "sly" Lundberg – onedpleft@hotmail.com

Underground music for you



WILLPOWER
William Christenson

I have been thinking lately about music, and in particular, underground music. This came about after the recent Atmosphere show, and past performers both here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, such as Sage Francis and The Cull, as well as local music in Minneapolis.

I find local music to be much more interesting and enjoyable than mainstream music because of the better variety and depth.

Too often, people just listen to the Top 40 hits, or whatever happens to be playing on the radio, and neglect excellent music right in their own back yard! Local or underground music often has more intelligent lyrics, as good or better musical talent and almost always is more attentive to their fans.

I would much rather listen to intelligent and soulful lyrics rather than the stereotyped sex and violence that is portrayed and promoted by mainstream artists.

Many mainstream rappers constantly glorify violence and misogyny, while much underground hip-hop has a very positive message.

Although people hate to admit it, music can have a large impact on our moods and actions, if we are not careful. I would rather be in a positive mood than angry for no reason at all.

The differences between a corporate musician and a local one are particularly evident at live shows; a mainstream artist will almost always have a gaudy, overproduced event with lots of security guards while performing blandly. I much prefer a local music show where the band can interact with the crowd, creating a unique event every time. I also feel better paying the much lower ticket price for an underground band, which usually goes directly to support the artist.

I hardley ever go to big shows any more; I usually check out the excellent entertainment around Menomonie, Minneapolis, Blue Devil Productions shows or the Acoustic Café, and I encourage all of you to do the same. Support your local scene!

Old drivers / Just because they could doesn't mean they still should

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Look at it this way: we have a minimum driving age, so why not a maximum? We force people into retirement when they reach a certain age, presumably because they are not able to do their job because of their advanced age.

Yet we are perfectly fine with letting these people, who are too old to sell insurance, drive home with their life and ours in hands that can't change a tire because they are too old.

It is a medical fact that recognition, motor skills and reaction time decrease drastically as we age. Combine this with the fact that two of our most important driving senses, hearing and sight, have also gone the way of disco, and it all adds up to a recipe for disaster.

Now, I am not saying that all old people shouldn't be allowed to drive simply because of how old they are; I'm just a proponent of a driving test after a certain age. To simply let these people drive around unchecked is as irresponsible as letting a drunk drive.

Now, I know the popular argument is that the elderly are not nearly as responsible for accidents as the people that have had their licenses for only a few years. But that is simply circular logic, because the same those elderly people were also once in this category, but proved they could learn.

Another thing that others seem to ignore is the fact that while the elderly may drive slow and extremely carefully, that isn't always a good thing. Slow and careful simply means that they are another obstacle in our daily driving lives. Sure, they won't get into an accident, but the lead-foot passing them at legal speeds is just putting himself and others at risk, just to get going.

I hope you don't think I hate the elderly, as this column might have lead you to believe. I know that my time will come. I hope that when it does, someone will make sure that I am not a menace to everyone on the road.

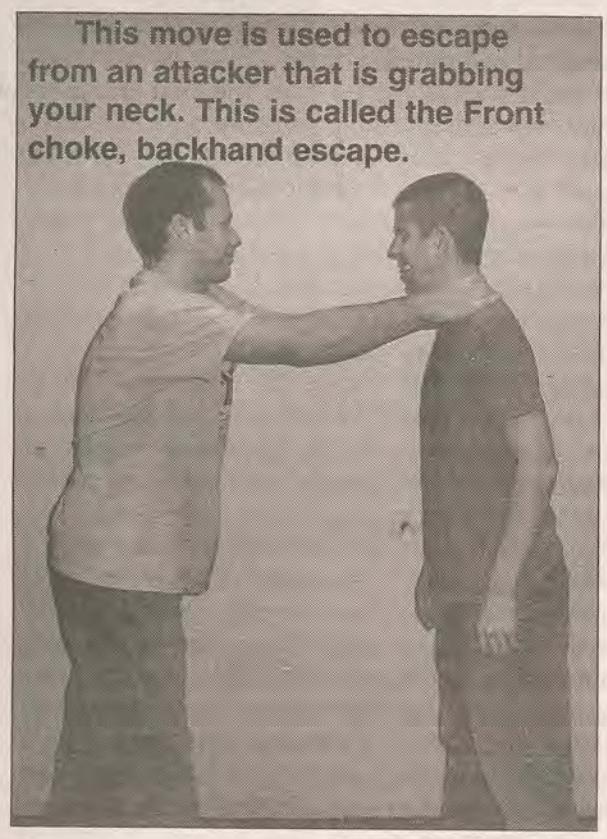
If the law of the land decides that I am unfit to drive because I can't react, can't see or am too feeble, I will give up my wheels. I can just stay home with football.

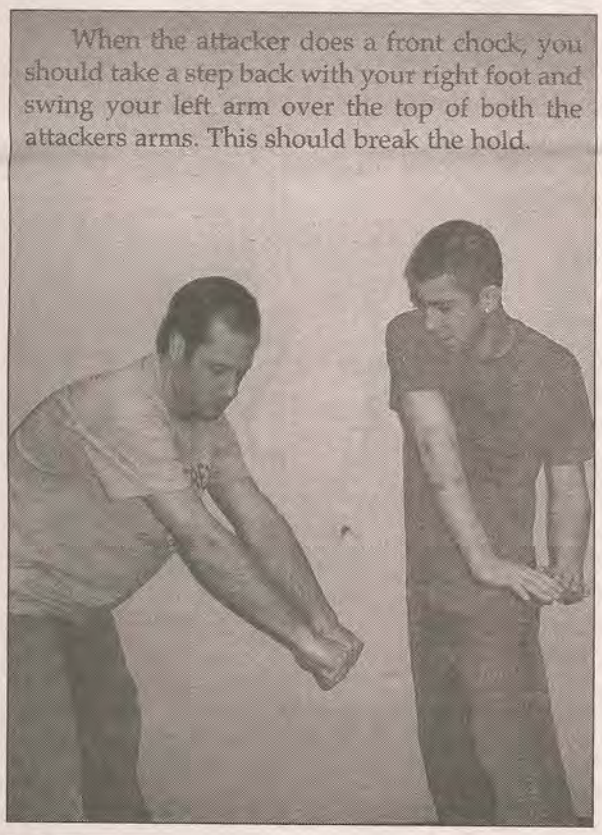
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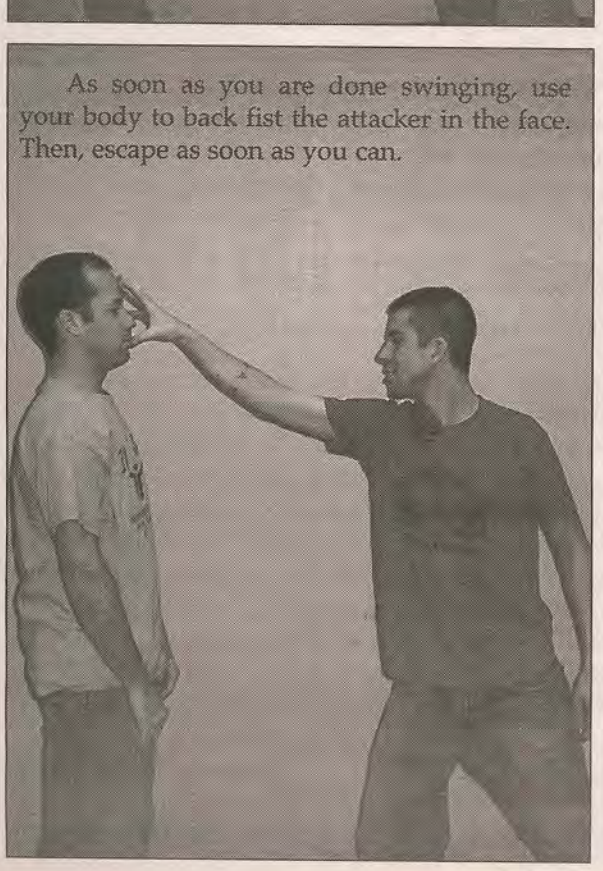
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Nightwalker: fight or flight







Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia

The disappearance of four college students in Minnesota and Wisconsin has shocked many communities. It is important to know how to keep yourself safe when out at the bars, a house party or even walking somewhere at night.

As recent news stories show, protecting yourself is just as important for men as it is for women because both are at risk of being in danger.

"Guys think they're the ones to protect the girls," said Officer Jim Jasicki of the Menomonie Police Department. "Unfortunately, they don't think of being whooped on by other guys."

Planning ahead can eliminate many problems of a night out on the town. Knowing what your plans and intentions are, you may keep yourself from being put in a bad situation or getting stranded somewhere.

On the other hand, some students do not feel threatened while walking at night.

"I've never had anything happen to make me scared," said Lindsay Runyon, a sophomore in general business. "But I do understand why it's not a good idea to walk home alone."

It's also a good idea to have a sober driver or someone you can walk home with. Leaving the bars or a party alone can be dangerous.

"Make sure you have someone who can keep things under control to remove the person getting out of hand," suggests Jasicki.

Don't let extremely intoxicated friends leave alone or with someone that you don't know.

"It's fun to party with friends, so don't allow friends to wonder off," said Jasicki. "Friends shouldn't allow you to leave the bar with some person nobody knows."

Students don't feel the same way that officials feel about protecting themselves.

"Sometimes, you get so drunk that you just want to leave when you want to leave and can't wait for anyone else," said Runyon.

Even if you have done everything right, there may still be times that you find yourself in a situation where you are walking home alone. Most of the time you may be safe, but there are those times when something bad could happen. This is why you should always be cautious and aware when walking at night.

"The reason you are attacked is because you look vulnerable," said Jill Jolliff, the personal defense instructor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. "Confidence is a big thing."

When you are walking, try to avoid taking short cuts through dark places or places where no one is around. If someone does come up to you, try to keep your distance or walk away from the person.

If you feel like you're being followed, cross the street to see if the person will follow you.

"If you feel someone behind you and you feel threatened, the first thing you should do is turn around and face them," said Jolliff.

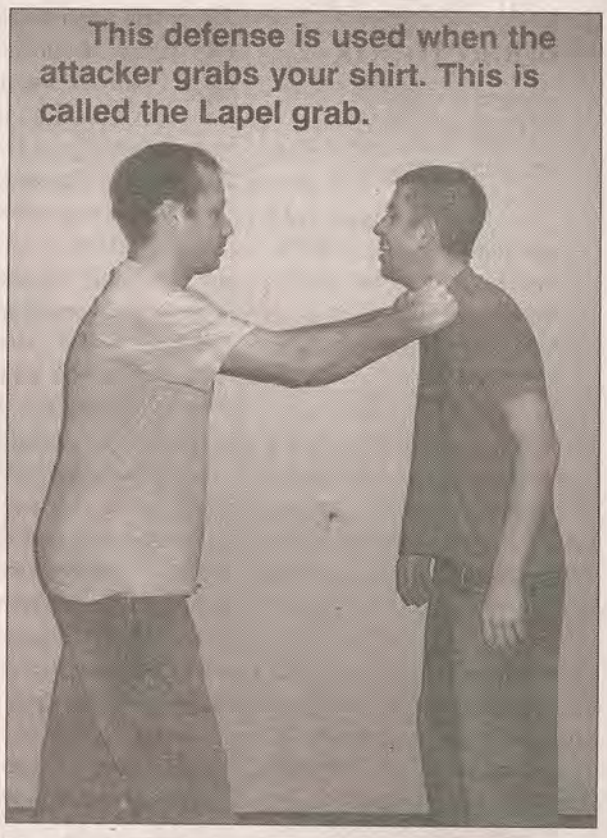
If you are being attacked, the most important thing is to defend yourself and get out of the situation. Leave the area as soon as possible and go somewhere safe.

Use anything that you have to help protect yourself, such as keys, an umbrella or shoes.

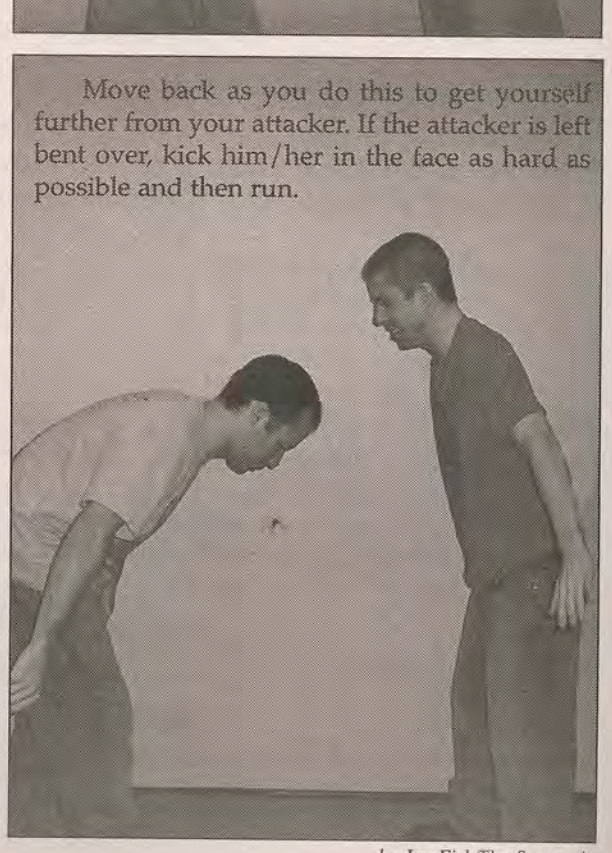
"Long key chains are nice," said Jolliff. "Wrap it around your hand, so it's tough to get away, and hit the keys straight down on their hands or across the face."

There are three quick and easy, self-defense moves that if practiced a few times can be very helpful in a situation where you are caught off-guard with

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by Jay Fish The Stoutonia

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Parking proves to be a pain

Learning the rules of parking in Menomonie can save your pocketbook

Krystle Williams
The Stoutonia

More and more students are walking out to their cars and being greeted with neon green slips and fines, courtesy of parking services.

Not only are tickets frustrating some University of Wisconsin–Stout students, but so is the lack of parking around campus.

"I think they should be a little more lenient," said Justin Keller, a sophomore construction major. "It probably cost me $120 this year in tickets."

Keith McCarten, police sergeant, said that they try to be fair to all students about parking issues.

"There are slow learners and then there are those who change behavior after receiving a ticket," McCarten said.

McCarten suggested that students who want to appeal a citation could do so in one of three different ways.

You can either file an appeal on the parking services website at http://www.uwstout.edu/parking/ or go to parking services and fill out a paper form. You can also send an e-mail as long as it includes all the information needed for the appeal.

McCarten said they understand students' frustrations and are available to answer questions.

"We know how they feel if they're articulate and precise, or profane and loud," said McCarten. "We try to treat people with courtesy and respect, and acknowledge feelings as a department."

So what about the parking availability issue? Are there enough parking spots to go around?

The answer is no.

"We have enough parking for commuters," McCarten said. "But there is not enough resident parking."

The problem is that the city does not want the University expanding further into neighborhoods. It looks as though UW-Stout is going to have to make due with the present parking situation, no matter how unfair it may seem.

Many students complain about the increase of parking meters as well.

"There was a 30-50 cent increase because the meters hadn't increased in about 10 years and the cost for permits had doubled," McCarten said. "It was time to play catch up."

Tuition does not go to parking services; the department's funding comes from money they receive from tickets, meters, and the parking fee.

"I got three tickets this year," said Kim Roy, a sophomore in retail merchandising management. "Two were from Menomonie, and one was from parking services."

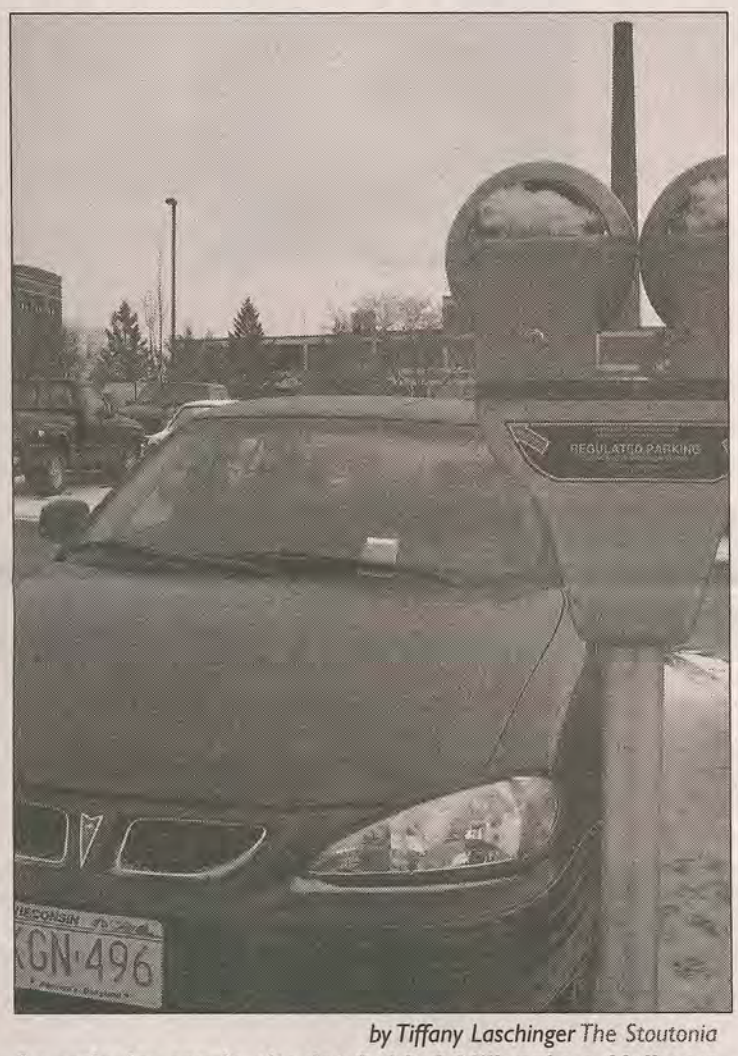
Roy has a problem with the city streets and the odd/even rule. On an odd numbered day, one must park on the odd numbered side of the street. On the even numbered day, one must park on the even side of the street. This rule will be in effect until April 1.

"Trying to figure out odd/even days gets [me] messed up," said Roy. "I think they should put even signs and odd signs on the street to make it less confusing. It would be better than going up to someone's front porch at 2 a.m. to make sure you're on the right side."

Parking services does not issue these tickets, but they say that it is easier to appeal tickets from them than from the city. A city citation requires citizens who wish to appeal to go through court.

Parking services encourages students to take a look at their web site and send them suggestions and comments on how to make things better.

Roy said. "Yeah, parking just pretty much sucks around here."



by Tiffany Laschinger The Stoutonia
An unlucky car in the lot behind Millennium Hall was issued a citation on Wednesday for an expired meter.

Self/ defense moves

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an attack.

"Hooded sweatshirts are so easy to pull over someone's head and take away a lot of vision," said Jolliff.

Besides being physically attacked there are other situations when you need to protect yourself.

When leaving for the evening, you should consider what you're wearing for more than fashion reasons.

"Especially with the climate we live in, kids will go out wearing party clothes, easily fall down, pass out in the snow and freeze to death," said Jasicki.

The weather is not the only reason you should consider what to wear. You should think about where you'll be, whom you'll be with and how drunk you're going to get.

"If you pass out in a mini skirt, it is way easier to move some underwear over versus blue jeans and laced boots," said Jasicki.

With identity fraud and credit card theft, you should also be careful with what you bring with you. You shouldn't carry your social security card, more than one credit card or anything else that someone could steal your identity from.

"Today, it's a lot easier to do personal identification fraud," Jasicki said.

A suggestion that could help you out of any situation, whether it be not having a ride home, someone following you, or falling down in the snow, is to carry a cell phone in your pocket whenever you go out. This way, if anything does happen, you can just call someone for help.

"Don't be afraid to call the police," Jasicki said. "We're not against having fun; we're against irresponsibility."



This defense move is for an attack from behind called the Bear hug escape.



When an attacker's arms are wrapped around you, immediately put both of your arms in the air, as fast as possible.



Stomp on the persons foot, elbow them as hard as you can in the ribs, or headbutt them with the back of your head.

"A passion worth practicing"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

The best things about writing for *The Stoutonia* and getting my own column is not just shameless self-promotion every week, but the chance I get to express my thoughts and feelings to anyone who reads. I love to hear that people are reading my column and articles, it gives me pride and reinforces what I do here.

Writing easily flows from my mind to my fingers, I take advantage of my talent by writing as often as I can.

I am also involved in *the Prometheus*, a literary magazine for students of the University of Wisconsin-Stout. I became involved this year to add on to my involvement at UW-Stout, and found that it is an organization that any student can really promote their talent.

Students can enter talent in the form of poetry, short stories, essays, photography or other forms of art. Money is awarded to winners and runners-up, and that is motivation for anyone.

Winners in artistic categories will be displayed in the spring at the annual show, and certain works will also be chosen to appear in the annual *Prometheus* magazine that also appears in the spring.

Everyone has emotions and thought, and all have the ability to express it one way or the other. Writing and art are such a vast medium that everyone can find a niche of talent within it whether they know it or not. Like most other activities writing and art require practice, even the most seemingly talented people need practice too. While art is a visual expression open for interpretation, writing can also be interpreted in many different ways.

Entries for *the Prometheus* are due in the beginning of Feb. The magazine will be out in April free for students and staff.

I know that this is blatant form of self-promotion, but I can do that. Prometheus is a chance for anyone else to shamelessly self-promote their talents too, plus the money is a good incentive too.

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Campus Slant

"Who is the biggest turkey you know?



"Salmon, his best pick-up line is, "I gotta fishin' pole, wanna see it?.""
~Joe Wiesnesky,
Fr., tech nical education



"Sawdust City Real estate, they have stuffed turkeys in their office."
~Krista Anderson (l)
Sr., business
~Emily Worner(m)
Sr., Business
~Stephanie Pageler (r)
Jr., retail merchandising



"Rachel Anderson, she can do the best impression of a sheep that I've ever seen."
~Lindsay Siebenaler
Jr., interior design

"My roommate Amy Krause, she gobbles louder than anyone I know."
~Bethany Schafer
Soph., fashion design & development



Next Week:

If you could make up a rule for the mistle toe, what would it be?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

The Fake News

FAA to up airplane defense

FAA launches new fighter-plane mandate for all airlines

Mike Parks
The Stoutonia

Following the recent Surface-to-Air-Missile attack on an airplane over Kenya, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has approved a measure to upgrade the security of planes in travel.

"We decided that in light of recent tragedies, our planes are simply too visible and vulnerable," said FAA spokesman Carl Francis. "We have decided that supersonic jets, stealth bombers and heavily armored air fortresses will protect people better."

All major airlines are in the process of retrofitting attack aircraft to carry private citizens to their destinations without the fear of being shot down.

"We have also decided that it would be a good idea if all pilots were trained in basic aviation maneuvers and attack strategies," said Francis. "We are hoping that maybe a few of these new pilots will be able to take out a few terrorists."

The move is the next logical step in protecting Americans when they are in flight. It has become apparent that the Sky Marshall program will protect people from in-plane threats, but will be fairly useless against ground attacks.

"We have been getting criticism that this move is a little too extreme," said director of Homeland Security Tom Ridge, who was instrumental in passing the recent measure. "I mean, we can already read your mail and have been deporting people like crazy, so now we just feel like flying attack planes instead of those slow, sitting duck Boeings."

The move itself has not been detrimental to the Boeing Corporation, who merged with fighter-plane manufacturer McDonald-Douglas a few years ago.

"We will still be making our Boeing 700 series," assured a source from the company. "We will be launching a new line of planes that are robotically controlled. These dummy planes will fly as decoys to attract SAM fire."



by Amanda Hugginkiss, The Stoutonia

Southwest Airlines unveiled its newest "B2 conture", which will begin carrying passengers off the radar as soon as next week.

The move will also come with extreme cost increases, that customers must deal with.

"Unfortunately, the change will up flight cost by about a factor of 20," said Francis. "We expect to see some drop-off in flight sales, but also feel that Americans will live with the added costs to ensure their safety in the air."

Other changes generated by The Office of Homeland Security include painting all tall buildings the same color as the sky to hide them from attacks, issuing every American a tank to commute to work in, deporting anyone who is of Arab decent and fingerprinting every single person in America.

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The 411

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Ongoing This Week:
>White Ribbon Campaign till Friday, Terrace, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
>Fine Arts Sale, Micheels Hall, All weekend.
>Nun-Crackers, Mabel Tainter, Thurs., Fri., Sat. 7:30 p.m. Sun. 2 p.m., $10/students

Thursday, Dec. 5
>Movie: The Cure, for World Aids Day, Huffs, 8 p.m.
>BDP Open Mic Nite, Heritage Café, 8 p.m. Free.

Friday, Dec. 6
>Hip-Hop House Dance Huff's, 8 p.m. $2.
>First Fridays, Dj, Huffs 8 p.m. $2

Saturday, Dec. 7
>Todd Boppel Painting Give-Away, Atrium A.A., 2 p.m.
>Basketball vs. UW-Eau Claire, Women 5 p.m., Men 7 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 8
>Winter Band Concert, Great Hall 2 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 9
>Women's Basketball vs. Martin Luther College, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec.10
>Customer Appreciation Day, Rec Center
>Relay For Life Captain's Meeting, Great Hall, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 11
>AA Meeting, Badger Room, MSC, noon

Graber goes above, beyond

Brianna Schrader
The Stoutonia

In the scene that was the turning point in "Mr. Holland's Opus," Richard Dreyfuss plays rock and roll music on the piano to show the students in his music appreciation class how classical music is related to their favorite kind of music. At that point, he sees the light bulbs come on in each student's eyes. By bringing the students to this level, they not only understand the material, but also grow an appreciation for it.

A connection was made--a moment that good teachers strive for and delight in.

It's the kind of moment that Stephanie Graber lives.

"Oh, good morning dear class!" she says with great enthusiasm. "I've got lots of good stuff for you today!"

Never without a beaming smile on her face, University of Wisconsin-Stout professor Graber begins her next section of music in our world with the personality her students have grown to love.

"She's one of the most expressive, musical people I've ever met," said Jennifer Piesik, a senior in graphic design. "[She's] very passionate for music."

Some professors choose not to take the time to learn their students' names each semester. Graber makes that effort and greets each student with a cheery smile at the door. When class is over, she once again takes her post at the exit and says goodbye with her words, her eyes and her smile.

Graber, the director of instrumental music at UW-Stout, is held in high regard among her students. They are so fond of her, that they commonly refer her to as Dr. G. According to students, her personality along with her styles of teaching set her apart from other professors.

"I may be one of her students, but she is more like a parent and friend than any professor I have ever had," said Andrew Imholte, a senior in graphic design. "She is always there with an open ear, no matter what the circumstance."

Graber is also highly respected by her co-workers for her enthusiasm and dedication to the music programs at UW-Stout.

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by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Stephanie Graber began playing the oboe when she was four years old. While growing up, she often heard, "Steffie Sue, go practice."

Sidewalk chalk talks loud and clear



Submitted photo

Students walked to classes on sidewalks with charcoal drawings created by Steve Day. An assignment in his advanced computer imagery class inspired his artwork that makes a statement about women.

Laura Kreger
The Stoutonia

Before Thanksgiving break, two women were raped on the sidewalks of the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

The next night, the women came back for revenge, impaling their assailant with a parasol and leaving him in a pool of blood.

At least that's the story Steve Day told through charcoal.

Day, a junior in multimedia design, spent two nights drawing murals on campus sidewalks, using a class assignment to make an artistic statement.

Clad in overalls, kneepads and leather gloves, he used charcoal--earlier crushed wi th his car--to sketch out a sequence of events.

"The basic story is a man uses women to his advantage, and the women come back with rage and kill the man," said Day.

The concept spawned off the book "Flatland" by Edwin A. Abbott.

"In the book, there's a polygon society," said Day. "The more points something has, the more it's respected. Women are straight lines, so they are the lowest in society, but since they're sharp points, they're also dangerous."

Day used the four 16 foot by 28 foot images to make a statement about women's potential to fight for respect in society.

"It's a darkened scenario of what women could do but don't," said Day. "It's a 'what if?'"

Making a statement wasn't the objective of the assignment. In fact, Chad Reichert, assistant professor, said the goals were to develop critical thinking, problem solving and presentation skills.

Using "Flatland" as a jumping-off point, the end product revolved around a multimedia presentation.

Day used a different approach than most students by creating his own content matter, said Reichert.

"It was a way to get out on campus, show what goes through the mind of an art student and get people talking," said Day.

"How people interacted with [the murals] and changed them, and how the elements enhanced the process [created an interesting concept]," said Reichert. "Their deterioration actually added to the project."

Although Day doesn't intend on turning sidewalk murals into a career, the process he used does correlate with the future of his art.

Day said, "I'd like to see more of a connection between fine art and multimedia, taking what computers can do with multimedia and putting that into the fine arts."

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Graber / teaching is greatest reward

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"This is a passionate and determined teacher who seems primarily concerned with student engagement and learning," said Robert Horan, a professor in the department of English and philosophy. "Many of us teachers have our hands full trying to get 25 students on the same page. Stephanie can get 75 musicians on the same book. I regard Stephanie as one of the finest teachers I have ever seen at Stout."

Graber, who began her sixth year at UW-Stout this semester, teaches a popular general education course called music in our world. A music major is not offered at the university, so these course sections are comprised of a variety of students, some with a vast musical background and some without. By implementing videos, playing CDs and demonstrating her own musical talents, Graber strives to make connections with each student and ensures that everyone understands the material.

"She made [music in our world] fun and interesting," said Piesik. "She was more concerned with teaching the material well, as opposed to overwhelming us with [a lot of] information and an intimidating test. She realizes that we are not music majors, so she teaches us at our level so that we stay interested."

Piesik has been a member of Graber's concert band for three years and is also the band librarian. She admires Graber's positive outlook on life and the way she makes students want to do their best for her. Piesik feels that Graber treats band members like family.

"Once when I was working for her as band librarian last year, I accidentally locked her keys in the band room," said Piesik. "All of the other music department staff had already left for the day so she had to call maintenance to open the door. She didn't want me to feel bad or look stupid, so she laughingly told the maintenance man that she had done it herself. I thought that was a sweet gesture on her part."

Graber is also known for her hugs.

"[S]top by Dr. G's office sometime and look at all the pictures," said Imholte. "There is no denying [the proof of] how many lives she has touched. I have never seen so many hugs documented on film."

Although, hugs are not the only way Graber reaches her students.

"Oh, don't worry my little punkins..." is a common phrase Graber uses with her students. Imholte explains that "punkins" is a term of endearment used by Graber to show her affection toward her students, who she regards as her own children.

In her office, among the books and CDs, the shelves are decorated with plaques and certificates. Graber, like Holland, is an award-winning professor who sacrifices a great deal of her time and energy for her students.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Bringing in instruments from other countries is one of many teaching techniques Graber uses in music in our world courses.

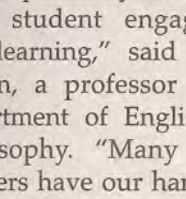
In 2000, Graber was awarded Outstanding Professor for Who's Who Among America's Teachers.

She was nominated by a UW-Stout honor student.

For Graber, the rewards of teaching go beyond being honored at a banquet or ceremony or receiving a certificate of appreciation.

"I am just tickled that I am allowed to share my musical experiences and knowledge with so many great students here at Stout," said Graber. "I see the appreciation for what I share with them in their eyes and in their smiles; that is reward and honor enough [for me]."

Atmosphere concert attendance sky-high



MUSICREVIEW
Bill Denney

A while back, the University of Wisconsin-Stout put on one of its most successful concerts in school history. Having performed in the Great Hall last Nov. 16, Atmosphere told us that God Loves Ugly. The show gave students who attended something they weren't going to forget for a long time.

"It was pretty cool," said Jacob Scott, a freshman in manufacturing engineering. "I gotta give it to Stout; I didn't think they were capable of getting someone this good to perform here."



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Slug and Blueprint collaborated at the biggest concert at UW-Stout. Over one thousand students attended the event.

With over 1000 people in attendance, UW-Stout definitely did a phenomenal job with this show. Slug, Mr. Dibbs and Blueprint (the boys of Atmosphere), along with Brother Ali, Murs, Deejay Bird, live painting by Jake Keller and show-openers Heiruspecs, laid down their beats, let out their amazing voice and had their message sent.

Slug, lead emcee and lyricist, has an awesome, confident voice that is at the same time extremely emotional. He tells his painful stories through a style that could never be heard on mainstream radio, but was recently ranked No. 1 on College Music Journal's urban chart.

Along with the help of Blueprint, Atmosphere's other emcee, and Deejay Mr. Dibbs, Slug belted out his moving lyrics to beats worth dancing to and made it a little more enjoyable to listen to emotional and tear-your-heart-out lyrics than some indie rock bands do.

The energy put into their new record "Antidisestablishmetabolism" was shown by the Minneapolis natives at their show, and the crowd was definitely in a dancing mood.

"They were pretty tight," said Justin Bodus, a freshman in construction. "It's not the usual mainstream rap, it was more underground, kind of like Tech N9ne. I liked it, it was awesome."

Kudos to Atmosphere on an awesome show, and we here at UW-Stout definitely hope to see you in the very near future. But God Loves Ugly? Come on, who do you think you're kidding?

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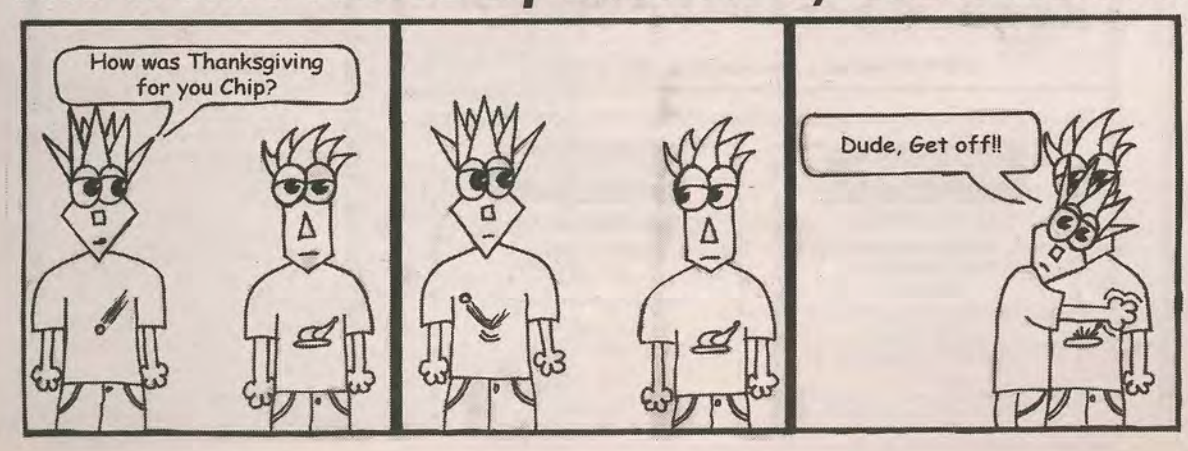
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Soccer coach looking forward

Amy Koeppe
The Stoutonia

Thirty years ago some doctors believed that if a woman ran for more than 800 meters her ovaries would be damaged. Today women are running marathons and their ovaries remain unharmed.

"Doctors and trainers still tell women to sit out for injuries that they would tell men not to; it's part of society," said Dave Morris, head varsity coach of the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's soccer team.

This year marks the 30-year anniversary of Title IX, a law that prohibits sex discrimination against students and employees of federally funded educational institutions. UW-Stout qualifies for Title IX through financial proportionality, having an equal ratio of male and female athletes.

As women's soccer becomes part of the varsity athletic program, Morris has seen the differences created between gender gaps, as well as the effects Title IX has had on the entire school and will continue to have in the future.

"I have to say the squeaky wheel gets the grease because I know that coach Morris has done a lot for the program on getting equal rights for women's soccer, but it has been a real struggle," said team member Raina Schneider, a senior in dietetics.

Although Title IX has helped to establish equal funding for both men and women sports, there are still inequalities. Morris estimates that $7 out of every $10 goes towards male athletics.

Being a division three school, no athletic scholarships are awarded to students.

Since they receive no aid as an incentive to play, athletes commit to a sport only because they want to.

"Our student athletes get nothing besides meal money on the road," said Morris.

The purpose of title IX is not to ensure that the same amount of money is spent per male and female athlete. Rather the focus is for women to have equal opportunities as men on a whole, instead of an individual basis. At UW-Stout, Title IX has brought many changes in recent years.

"Soccer is now on campus; in the past our home soccer field was off campus," said team member Rosa Cambray, a junior in interior design.

In addition, the construction of the $12.5 million recreation complex was made possible because of Title IX.

"The football stadium was built, but at the same time, the softball team moved from the park to on campus, and so did some intramural and club sports," said Morris. "The university had to take care of everyone; can you imagine a math class that was opened to only guys?"



courtesy of , The Stoutonia

Dave Morris just finished his fourth year as head coach of the University of Wisconsin-Stout soccer team. He hopes to continue building the program.

Although the playing field may not always be the same, when comparing the differences between coaching a women's or men's team, Morris says it's about the people, not the gender or sport.

"I've been successful with both genders," Morris said. "It doesn't matter what sport it is; the shape of the ball is just a detail."

As the women's soccer team continues to grow, Morris says that he will continue to build the program until the team brings home trophies.

"Coach Morris has really put in an effort to get us the same attention and privileges as the rest of the teams," said Schneider.

With the help of Title IX, more changes will continue to unfold in the future.

We've made strides, but there's still challenges," said Morris. "Title IX is the most successful legislative law in the 20th century; the truth is that title IX works.

Once again, borders



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Welcome back from Thanksgiving break. I hope you got plenty of turkey and sleep; college students don't get enough of those two things. Personally, I had my fair share of quality food over break, but unfortunately I didn't have enough football.

Sure, it's great fun playing tackle football with cousins (especially when none of them are over the age of ten), but everyone knows the NFL is what turkey-day football is all about. Dallas and Detroit get the annual Thanksgiving games, but when neither of those teams look towards the playoffs, it's hard to get excited for the games.

Why not throw a perennial playoff team into the mix, like the Packers? Green Bay would love to have a Thanksgiving game every year. Packer fans would finally be able to root for a team, instead of against two every Thanksgiving. Vikings fans would finally have a team to vehemently root against; everyone one would be happy this way.

Well, as it stands, Viking and Packer fans will have to wait for an annual Thanksgiving game to root about. But thanks to horrible scheduling, the two teams meet for the second time in a month this week on ESPN's Sunday Night Football.

The Packers (9-3) are looking to work on home-field advantage this week while the only thing the Vikings (3-9) could do by winning is lower the team's draft pick.

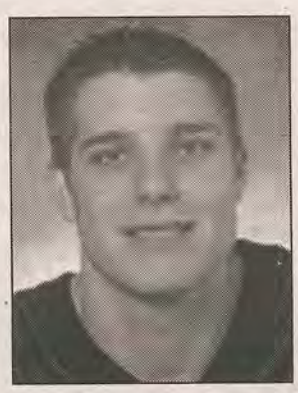
Last time they met, things went according to the script. Brett Favre knew he was in the Metrodome and played poorly. Vikings players looked like they were on the same page for the first time all season.

Don't expect a repeat this Sunday. If the Vikings do find a way to win, it will be a hard fought battle with both teams scoring left and right. Back to reality though, I expect the Packers will have no trouble with the Vikings this weekend.

Minnesota doesn't have a defense. They have players who play defense very well, such as Chris Hovan, but they do not have a team defense. Back in his comfortable Lambeau Field surroundings, Favre will be more than happy to fling the ball past the Vikings poor defensive backs. The Packers should out score the Vikings two to one.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Andy Bray



The Facts:
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Junior
Menominee, Mich.
Construction

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

To start the season, Andy Bray has scored double digits in the first three games of the season. In the first game of the season against No. 5 ranked Michigan Tech., Bray scored 14 points he also scored 12 against Minnesota State-Mankato. He lead the Blue Devils to a win with 15 points on Dec. 1.

Last Year:

Bray started two games last year and scored 21 points on 7-for-11 shooting against the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He scored 14 points and pulled down six rebounds against the University of Wisconsin-Superior.

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U-Rec worker happy to help

Jessica Krejci
The Stoutonia

It's the decision most high school students are faced with: where's the best place to go to college? University of Wisconsin-Stout student Matt Peterson struggled with the same dilemma.

"I was ready to attend the University of Wisconsin-Platteville to play baseball and go into agricultural business," Peterson said.

Plans changed when a visit to UW-Stout led Peterson, a native of Union Grove, Wis. to pursue a career in construction instead.

Being involved in sports his entire life has led Peterson to become who he is today, but his family and friends have played a major role too.

Throughout high school, Peterson was involved in football, basketball and baseball. In a class of 140, he was one of two to play three sports all four years. In college, his love for sports landed him a job as a referee for University Recreation.

"He is very knowledgeable of the rules, and also works well with the participants," said Adam Steffl, lead student manager of University Recreation.

Although Peterson's judgement is never second-guessed, he's overcome difficulties with reading comprehension to get where he is today. Successful at more than just sports, this dedicated individual has overcome his learning disability and will graduate this spring.

His parents influenced him to go to school, and his girlfriend motivated him to stay there.

"[My parents] pushed me to go to college," Peterson said.

After completing his first two years, Peterson wanted to quit, but his girlfriend laid down the law.

"She pretty much told me that I would be given the ultimatum if I quit school," Peterson said. "I didn't want that to happen."

Amanda Basley, his girlfriend, attends the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Balsey was sure that they could get through the distance, and after four years, it has not been a problem.

Other loves of Peterson's life include hunting, fishing and camping. The people at Gander Mountain would love him.

According to Mik Caldwell, Peterson's frien and hunting buddy, Peterso is always on schedule, o time and on task.

However, Peterso exposes more than just hi serious side. He uses his baseball equipment to aid him in fishing.

"I must put on a glove to take the fish off the hook," Peterson jokes.

On the family and friend level, Peterson is always willing to give advice to his brothers.

"Don't worry about what others think," Peterson says. "I don't take advice myself, so I probably shouldn't give it. However, I would rather give it to my family and friends; everyone else can figure it out for themselves."

Peterson does his best to help his friends out whenever he can.

"He's a good friend," Caldwell said. "[He's] always there for a guy. He will give me help with school when I need it, but no, never on life."

When Peterson graduates this spring, he moves on to conquering new goals. He would like to get married and have children. No doubt they will be marvelous baseball players. . . or softball players.

Aged cucumbers or something more



FITLIVING
Ann Syrstad

I remember a friend in grade school who would always have an unusual meal during snack break. Sitting next to him, I would watch his face with wonder. His expressions were of wild satisfaction and approval as he chomped each bit of his food with relished conviction. It was what he ate that fascinated me...pickles.

Pickles, they come in all shapes, sizes, colors, and flavors. Although the exact history of pickles is rather vague, obvious conclusions about its creation and need can be arrived at. They are just canned cucumbers, right? Well, think again.

The history of pickles stretches back over 4000 years. Indeed, residents of ancient Greece, Egypt and India even ate pickles.

"Pickles are cucumbers that have been cured in brine, so technically they are vegetables. But, nutritionally speaking, there are better choices," say nutritionists at CNRC (Children's Nutrition Research Center).

Pickles and cucumbers consist mainly of water with just a small amount of calcium, a trace of iron, a few calories and no protein. But because they offer little nutritional value, they are not even considered a "vegetable choice" in the School Lunch Program.

Although pickles are nutritional lightweights, they make a fun, tasty, fat-free, low-calorie condiment or snack. But, do keep in mind that one large dill pickle provides over 1700 milligrams of sodium, or 70 percent of an adult's suggested daily supply. Two good alternatives are sweet pickles (which are lower in sodium than dill) and fresh fruit.

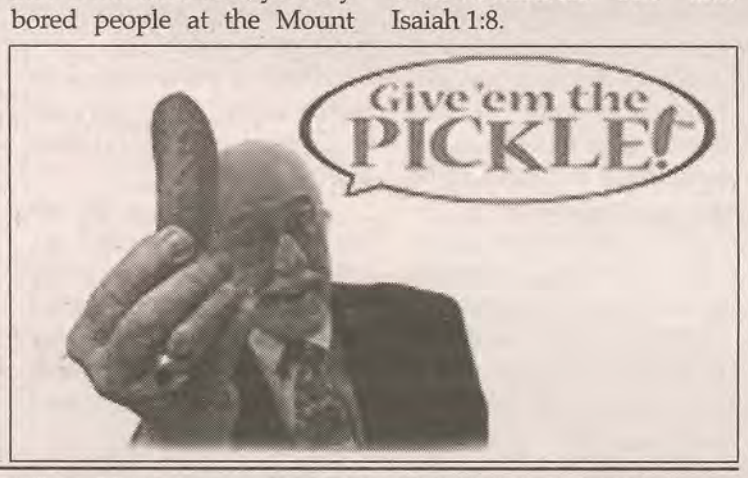
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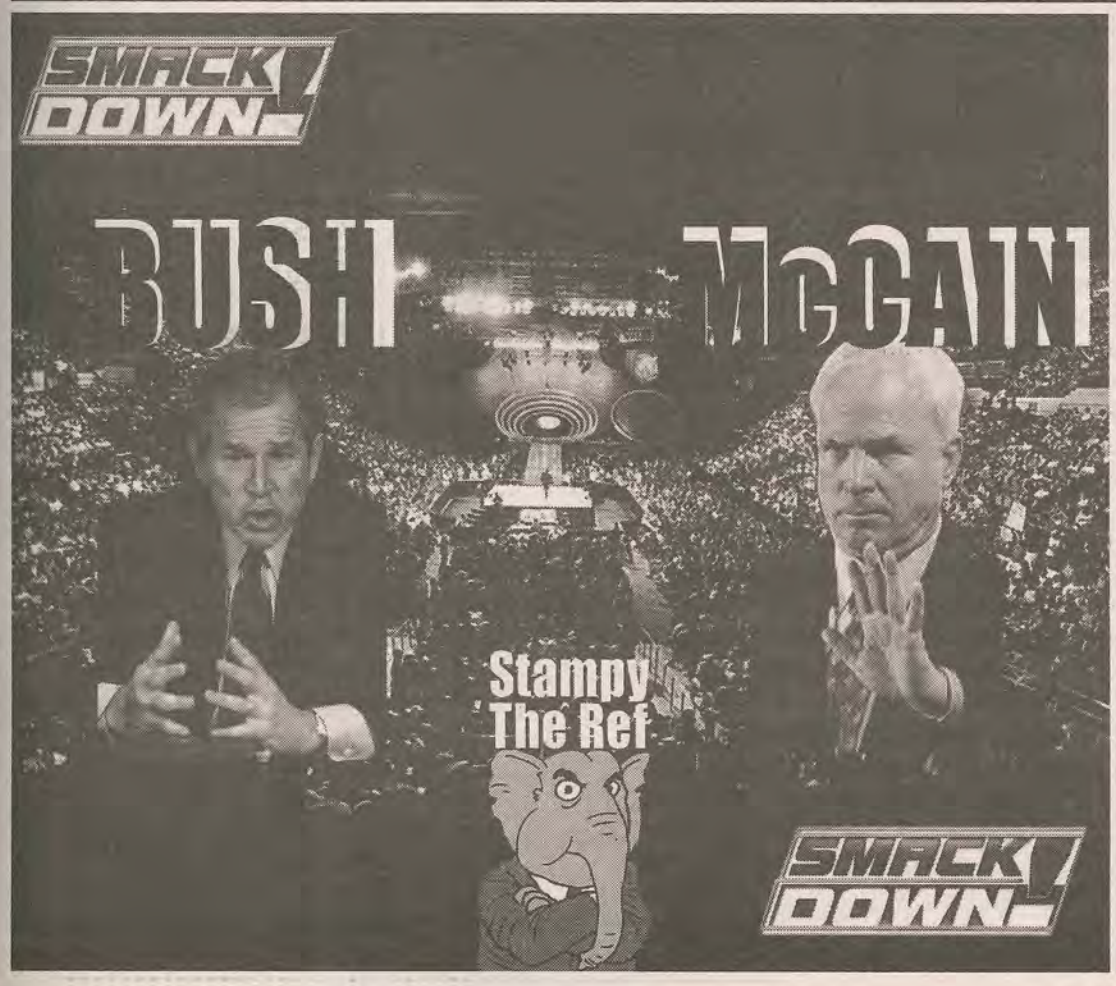
"On a hot day in Virginia, I know nothing more comforting than a fine-spiced pickle, brought up trout-like from the sparkling depths of the aromatic jar below the stairs of Aunt Sally's cellar."

To top that off, George Washington, John Adams and Dolly Madison were all pickle enthusiasts.

Ever wondered just how popular these canned delights are? Well some nice, yet very bored people at the Mount Olive Pickle Company found out just that. Americans eat about 5.2 million pounds of pickles per year, which is 9 pounds per person!

And if you really had some time on your hands, I guess pickles are mentioned at least twice in the Bible...Numbers 11:5 and Isaiah 1:8.





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Is U-Rec under appreciated?

Curt Trnka
The Stoutonia

Many of the students here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout have played intramural sports. Each week these part-time athletes play games but do they ever stop to thank the people who work these games?

They do not, or at least not too often according to Heather Limberg, a sophomore in secondary education, who has been a University Recreation (Urec) assistant since her freshman year, or five intramural blocks.

"No, it's pretty rare that they every stop and thank us," Limberg said. "They are just there to play."

So who are these underappreciated student workers? They are students who manage classes and a job. They are the backbone of the intramural programs available here at UW-Stout.

Limberg has worked for games of softball, football, volleyball, basketball and soccer. Each game has different rules and requires Urec workers to learn many sets of rules for them to be able to do their jobs.

For each of these different sports there are a lot of positions for Urec workers to fill. Some sports need as many as six workers while others only need three.

"I keep score for intramural sports, and I let [students] into the MPR, let them rent equipment for sports and I help students with questions they have," Limberg said. "We have to take quizzes for our jobs, [even] about the university's centers."

Some of the needed information for students who work as Urec assistants is to be trained in CPR and First Aid. During any type of game that is not called Monopoly there is a chance that someone will be injured. Urec workers have to be able to handle these injuries with their supporvisors until professional help arrives.

This may explain why Limberg watches ER religiously.

"Yeah, she doesn't like to miss that show," Christie Boody, Limberg's roommate, said. "She watches it with her friends."

Limberg says her friends are those she works with.

"Some of my best memories are getting to work with my friends, and I've meet so many people [working for Urec]," she said.

Are the student workers not getting enough training? Could that be why they get together to watch ER?

Does a person have to watch a lot of ER to get a job as a Urec assistant, or is there another way?

"I got my job at the job fair! I went in, signed up, talked to the guys for a while and later that day they called me with a job," Limberg said.

Limberg says her experience at previous jobs helped her get a Urec job.

"Back home I work with disabled people at a group home," she said. "I learned patience, and that is a skill that you need [as a Urec assistant]."



by Curt Trnka The Stoutonia

Urec worker HeatherLimberg devotes her time to school and sports. She works as an intramural referree and as a Urec desk worker.

During intramural events, some teams are under the misconception that playing under the influence is acceptable, but it is against the rules to play while inebriated. Putting up with these individuals puts that patience to the test.

"The hardest part of my job is dealing with people who are your own age," Limberg said. "Having to tell them that they cannot drink and play is a tough part of my job. They don't like to hear it."

Limberg's roommate remembers that one time she came home, "and she was very upset. The teams had been drinking and they were not following the rules, I guess," Boody said. "She was pretty mad."

But being a Urec assistant is not all bad. In fact Limberg describes it as being a very enjoyable job overall.

"I seldom have problems at work," Limberg said. "My whole job's easy, I love work. It's my favorite job, because my bosses and fellow employees make me feel at home."

According to Urec assistant Heather Limberg, working in the intramural programs takes some patience, knowledge of sports and maybe a love of ER.

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Plans to improve lecture hall

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia

The University of Wisconsin-Stout will soon experience a total renovation of the Applied Arts building lecture hall 210. This hall is the largest on campus, and is used by a large portion of varying majors. In analyzing current status of the lecture hall, many professors expressed an extreme need for change.

"The quality of visual projection in that room is so low, it is useless as is,"said Kathleen Cochran, program director and professor of retail merchandising and management. "I do project material but must either distribute hard copies also or have the laptop students follow me to the website I am projecting."

"The renovations will be greatly appreciated by me and others who use that room even more frequently than I!" said Cochran, "That room is pretty cold and big the way it is."

The project will begin in late spring 2003, and will be completed by the beginning of the fall 2003 semester. The project will include total renovation of walls, ceiling and acoustical treatments.

There will be entirely new seating, which will simultaneously be more comfortable and functional. The seats will be of new design and cushioned on both bottom and back. The folding desk tops will have a larger surface area to accommodate laptops. There will be roughly the same number of seats in the room as there are currently.

"With new tools, there will be fewer complications; there will be more comfort and an overall homier feel," said Hagaman, the director of Stout Solutions.

The university decided not to provide hard wire connections at each seat, for students should be able to run on battery power and on the wireless network. There are currently three transmitters in the room, but Hagaman says that more will be added to provide adequate network coverage.

For professor use, there

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by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

Beginning at the end of the spring semester, the lecture hall of the Applied Arts building will be entirely renovated and will be equipped with new audio and visual technologies.

Don't stress! It's the final week of tests

Shanon Lehrke
The Stoutonia

For many students, it is the same old ritual. The last week of class is followed by finals, and then most students pack up to see their family. For freshman, it will be a new experience.

Finals week consists of packing, studying and stressing out, but students and faculty offer advice to get freshmen through the process.

"Don't let studying overwhelm you," said junior Matt Green. "Study for an hour or two; then do something you want to do before going back."

Finals are spread out from Monday through Friday, and according to the The Faculty, Academic Staff and Limited Appointees Handbook, teachers are encouraged to accommodate students if they are scheduled to take more then three finals in one day.

"It is expected that a meaningful educational experience will take place during the evaluation period," says the Faculty Handbook. "An instructor is expected to accommodate students who have three or more scheduled final exams in one day."

Many people are not aware that there is a policy at the University of Wisconsin-Stout limiting the number of finals a student is required to take in a single day to three. This policy may aid in relieving finals stress.

This policy regarding evaluation week was adopted in the 1980s. The plan states that every semester class is scheduled for a two-hour evaluation period during the designated week. The evaluation period for each class should occur at the time and date scheduled.

The Faculty, Academic Staff and Limited Appointment Handbook can be found on the UW-Stout Human Resources web page. Evaluation week information may be found in chapter four, Instructional and Research Activities at http://www.uwstout.edu/hr/unclasshandbook/.

"I think that the teachers are pretty flexible about letting students take the test during a different section," said senior Angie Thompson.

Biology department chair, Ken Parejko, offered an outline of studying tips for freshman.

"Start studying early, like a week before finals start," said Parejko. "Don't wait until last minute."

He also mentioned that students should quit studying about an hour before an exam and do something fun to get their mind off of the test.

"Your brain can't function as well if you are stressed," said Parejko.

He also brought up the fact that it takes a while for your brain to process information, so the last minute cramming will not be helpful anyway.

Proper preparation is a crucial step to make the last week go smoothly. During this time, the dormitories hold special quiet hours and courtesy times so students can work in a more quiet environment. Courtesy hours are from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4 p.m.-7 p.m., and quiet hours are arranged by dorm.

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LLC computers getting more secure

Aleshia Brouwer
The Stoutonia

Effective Jan. 2, 2003 ,the University of Wisconsin-Stout Library Learning Center (LLC) will require students to use their passwords for public computer use.

Due to illegal and unauthorized use of computers by non-university users, the LLC is changing its policies.

"People will have to login to a computer in order to use it," said Jana Reeg-Steidinger, head of reference at the LLC. "The real purpose is to protect the students."

With the system as it is now, any person of any age can walk up to a computer workstation and use the Internet, download files and send e-mails anonymously.

So far, a harassing e-mail has been sent on campus, and illegal pornography has been downloaded.

Currently, there is no way to trace the people responsible since no logon is required.

"We've had a couple of arrests for pornography," said Joe Jax, director of the LLC. "It's becoming a nuisance."

Students, staff and faculty must enter their UW-Stout e-mail username and password before they can use a computer. The new log-on password control is hoping to prevent unauthorized access by non-UW-Stout users. Users will also be required to logoff of the computer when they are finished.

The computer workstations have also become overcrowded since non-UW-Stout users are using them for non-academic purposes, such as games and chatrooms. Since many of the computer workstations are paid for by the student technology fee, the misuse of computers has a direct impact on UW-Stout students.

"I think it's a good idea," said Becky Peterson, an undecided sophomore. "It's frustrating that other people are abusing the stuff that we pay for."

The growing misuse of the computers has also prompted logon changes across campus, such as at Micheels Hall.



by Andrea Nies, The Stoutonia

The new semester will see changes in usability in the Library Learning Center. Students will be required to login to computers with their e-mail username and password.

"We're doing this for their [students'] protection," said Reeg-Steidinger. "We're joining other UW campuses who have computer protection. We're seeing a move toward the computer security on other campuses."

Access will still be allowed for public use under certain guidelines. Community members, UW-Stout alumni and faculty emeriti are eligible for community cards, allowing them to work with the computers. The library staff will assist those persons with the login process.

Along with more available computer workstation space, this new policy should allow the student server to run more smoothly since non-university people are using it.

"It'll be nice to have more workstations freed up," said Peterson. "Every time I go in there, it's full."

Refund processes to change with new ID

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

From her office in Bowman Hall, assistant director of financial aid, Christine Enger, watched long lines wrap around the administration building as students waited to pick up their refund checks at the beginning of each semester.

Next semester won't be as entertaining.

"With the new ID card coming second semester, financial aid refunds will be handled quite differently," said Enger.

Among the new efficiencies that the Stout OneCard will bring are three options for receiving refunds from the university; none involve standing in line.

Students will be able to choose their options when they activate their new card in January.

The first and quickest option is to have the refund directly deposited into the student's activated OneAccount, the MasterCard debit feature.

If this option is chosen, the student will receive an e-mail when the funds have been deposited.

Refunds will be dispersed beginning January 28 and will continue throughout the semester.

Refunds can also be directly deposited to a different bank account, but a third party form will need to be filled out. This form will be available on the website when students go through the card activation process.

After the HigherOne bank has received this form and the refund is available, it will take one to three business days for the funds to be deposited to the designated bank account.

Paper checks will still be an option, but they will be printed and mailed by HigherOne, not the university's business office.

Once refunds are available, it will take two business days to prepare the check and then four to five days for it to reach the designated address, depending on the speed of the postal service.

None of the options have additional charges.

It is also expected that refunds will be processed faster than in the past.

According to bursar (university treasurer) Jane Griffiths, the business office can currently process about 1,200 checks a day. With everything being done electronically, they will soon be able to process thousands of checks a day.

"Students have asked our office for this type of refund processing in the past," said Beth Resech, director of financial aid.

"When the university embarked on the new university ID, we knew we were headed in the right direction. We really feel that the Stout OneCard offers the level of service our students want."

Soon, payroll will also be handled electronically.



by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

Empty business office scenes like this will be more frequent when refunds are handled electronically.

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Remodel/ lecture hall improvement

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will be a multi-functioning teaching console with access to all media tools and lighting, controlled through a touch screen panel. The console will also include both Mac and Pc capabilities and a document camera.

There will be two new high-power slide projectors because they still provide the best slide quality. There will also be two data projectors side by side and possibly a third one for large-screen images. The seamless screen will be 11 by 27 feet.

To match the new screens, projectors and acoustics, there will be a new high quality sound system implemented.

In addition, the room will be equipped with videotape and DVD imput as well as audio teleconferencing capabilities.

"This lecture hall will enhance the teaching and learning experience, and will make the student experience more meaningful," said Hagaman. "Stout prides in its small classes, but when students must be in a large environment, we hope to provide a rich learning experience."

The entire project is projected to cost anywhere from 500 to 900 thousand dollars. There is currently a local architecture and design business called Cedarcorp working toward refining the design and layout plans. In January the project will go up for bidding, which is open to any contractors.

"I anticipate that a contractor from west central Wisconsin will win the bid,"said Hagaman. "It is normally the area that bids."

Due to the states budget situation, Hagaman hopes the classroom renovation program will not be removed. "We are all hoping this isn't something that will be cut due to the state of crisis; everything is being looked at very closely."

This is a University of Wisconsin System funded project, called classroom renovation program. The system gives money to campus for this biennium project. This program began in the mid 90s due to the recognition that UW universities needed extra aid in continually technologically updating classrooms.

UW-Stout has three major sources of funding, including two non-budgeted state funds and local funds.

In terms of academic spaces, this renovation is the most expensive renovation since the beginning of the classroom renovation program. The previous classroom project that was completed through this program included the upgrading of 14 classrooms. The rooms were equipped with new teaching stations, new lighting, heating, air conditioning and new furniture.

The next largest project that will be happening in a couple years is the renovation of the Jarvis Hall science wing. This multi-million dollar project will include major renovation and additions to the building.

Brenda Puck, a technology professor who teaches in the hall, said, "As an instructor who tries to use an ever increasing array of technological instructional media, and expects students to do the same, I think that the renovations will improve the learning environment and the delivery of information."



Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Vacuum sucked away
A custodial supervisor in the General Services building reported on Dec. 5 that a vacuum cleaner valued at $500 was stolen from the fieldhouse. He noticed the vacuum missing about three weeks ago and the building has been thoroughly searched without result. The supervisor said that it is common for staff or faculty to borrow such items and then return them; however, after this amount of time the vacuum would have been returned. There was no forced entry to the room where the vacuum was kept, and no one was permitted to remove the vacuum from the premises.

Missing table retrieved
A staff member of University Services reported on Dec. 5 that a UW-Stout owned picnic table was located in the trees adjacent to 5th St. E. The table had been moved from the fieldhouse, approximately 150 yards. The table was apparently used for skateboard stunts, as the rubber coating on the bench edges was completely scraped off. The cost of repair or replacement has not been determined.

Stop touching me
On Dec. 8, a Menomonie ambulance and UW-Stout police officer responded to a call from Antrim Hall. A male subject who had been consuming alcohol started vomiting in his room. When the officer and ambulance arrived, the student was checked over, but refused additional treatment.

Finals 101: Advice for handling inevitable finals week stress

Rachel Kasinskas
The Stoutonia

In light of finals week, students should keep in mind that stress can be delt with through different methods. Good stress can be managed by three everyday healthy habits, including, eating right, getting enough sleep and being physically active.

The UW-Stout counceling services has suggetstions for taking tests:

1. Concentrate on what you do know and try to think of likely questions to be asked. If you've waited until the night before, you'll never get it all learned anyway.

2. Get a good night's rest before the exam.

3. Eat a moderate breakfast or lunch. Avoid drinks with caffeine.

4. Steer clear of fellow students who get tense. Panic is contagious.

5. Get to the exam room early to settle and prepare your supplies and familiarize yourself with surroundings.

6. Tense all your muscles for a moment, then suddenly relax them. This will help relieve tension. Take 3 deep breaths for the same results.

7. Read directions and underline significant instructions.

8. First answer the questions you are sure of. Then go back to the more difficult.

9. Read quickly through the entire test. See what's in it, how many points each section is worth, and budget your time accordingly. Include time at the beginning for an overview and at the end to check answers, proofread essays, and make another stab at those questions left unanswered.

10. Work steadily - even when time runs out, don't speed up.

For more stress suggestions, visit www.uwstout.edu/counsel/special/.



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Peace on earth and goodwill toward man

Ah, the holidays. A time of joy, a time for family, a time of peace and a time for threats of mass nuclear retaliation by America.

That's right, swept up by the spirit of the holidays, the White House released a series of statements expressing its contingencies for using weapons of mass destruction against foreign threats.

President Bush's new report, to be delivered to congress, was quoted as saying that we will use "overwhelming force" if we or any of our allies are attacked using either biological weapons or chemical agents.

The best part about the report, known as the "National Strategy to Combat Weapons of Mass Destruction," is its repeated use of the term "overwhelming force." This alludes to the fact that the United States would rather overreact than not react at all.

The United States isn't already hated by a large portion of this world, and we now have decided to basically put up a sign that says we can do what we want because we warned you.

It's not like the U.S. doesn't have a right to defend itself, and I am glad that there are people thinking about what we should do if we are attacked by our enemies. It's just that this all seems to be really excessive.

To add some levity to this situation, I will borrow a line that Stan Lee wrote in "Spiderman," a line I'm sure you're all familiar with by now: "with great power, comes great responsibility."

It means that, as the most powerful nation in the world, we have a responsibility to make the peace by peaceful means.

By behaving the way we do, we are lowering ourselves to the level of anyone who would do the same cowardly thing.



Being proud as a parent on graduation day



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

This weekend I am going to go home for what I assume will be one of the proudest moments of my life. Oddly, it won't be for any accomplishment of my own. It will be for something that has been over six years in the making: my mother's graduation from college.

That's right, my mom.

At the age of 45, my mom is completing her college education from the Fox Valley Technical College. To be honest, I couldn't be happier for her.

Watching her push herself through class after class with excitement has been incredible. It was kind of humorous to listen to her complain about professors just the way I do. It also made me realize that just because she was older, the educational experience remained the same.

I think many of us get an awkward feeling when we see an older, non-traditional student on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus. We feel as though adults are invading our place of freedom from the way things were the other 18 years of our life. As you go on in your college career, you realize that these people are no different from you; they too just want an education and to improve themselves.

Well, that may not be totally true. They are different. They are facing a battle that is typically far more difficult than anything the majority of us see in our daily lives. When I think back to the days when I was still in high school, and how my mom would go straight from working a nine hour day to going to school for another five hours, it was amazing she didn't just snap.

Too often we look at the non-traditional students as being outcasts since they are older. Many even wonder if they are less intelligent and that's why it has taken them this long to get through college. That could not be further from the truth.

The truth is that these students are striving to make a difference in their lives and are trying to provide for themselves and their families by creating an opportunity for a brighter future. A brighter future that they earn. A future that my mom has finally reached.

The Supreme Court and why I'm glad to let them worry



TESTPATTERN
Matt Tracy, Esq.

Facing the Supreme Court right now is a case that has First Amendment implications that are so touchy, it makes me glad for once that it is not my duty to decide.

The specific case is *Virginia vs. Black*, and the matter at hand is whether or not cross-burning is protected as free speech under the constitution's First Amendment.

As far as free speech goes, the Supreme Court has gone extremely far to prevent anyone from censoring any sort of speech, regardless of how vile the content.

The reason for even debating this issue is that cross-burning straddles that precarious line of threatening action versus right to expression. It is similar to book burning, draft card burning or even flag burning; all protected under current Supreme Court precedent.

The Supreme Court must now decide whether they are more concerned with the act itself and the threat it implies, or the protection of free speech and expression.

This, for me, is one of the hardest debates to figure out. As a libertarian, I must respect everyone's freedom of speech. This means allowing ignorant or disgustingly hateful things to be said and done as long as they don't hurt anyone.

The problem with cross burners is that they are a whisper from one extreme or the other, depending on how you feel.

The specific law from Virginia targets cross-burn-

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Letters to the Editor

Rental problems

Dear Editor,

I am writing you because of the treatment my roommates and I are recieving from our property managers, American Edge.

We are experiencing problems such as:

-we can not use any appliances in the kitchen because the power will go out; including things as small as a toaster; our refrigerator can't even be plugged into the kitchen outlet; the power will also shut off everything in the downstairs bedroom, as a result of this I am experiencing problems with my $3000 computer

-you can see sparks behind plastic outlet plates, which could very easily start an electrical fire

-our basement has a room that has holes all over the ceilings and walls; as a result of this we have an infestation of spiders throughout our house

-our backdoor is not fully functional and doesn't open the majority of the time, which is also against state law in case of a fire

-we have a tree almost growing into the top of our house

These are just a few instances we have experienced since beginning our lease with American Edge.

My roommates and I have brought these problems to the attention of American Edge numerous times, verbally and by work order, but each time they have taken no action. Many of these problems are violations of state law and fire code, yet they still ignore our requests to fix these problems. All these problems are potentially hazardous to my roommates and I yet they still persist. I've spoken with other American Edge tenants who have experienced the same treatment.

The main purpose of this letter is to inform future/potential tenants of the total disregard that American Edge displays towards their tenants. We feel it is important to let others know about these problems so the already stressful college life isn't compounded by problems which could, and should, be easily taken care of.

Thank you for your time,

Conor C. Brady &
Steve C. Iverson

More about submissions

As a consistent reader of the Stoutonia, I try not to regularly flood your Inbox with my feeble opinions. However, your recent decision to not publish the article of Ryan Lundberg is ridiculous. Ryan not only impacted many of our lives (in a good way) while here, I now look up to him while he is doing more good for the world than many of us ever wish we could. I understand your policy, I wouldn't want tens of thousands of Alumni writing in all the time if I were you. However, I think this is much more than just an opinion or small bit of info. And it would certainly make much better use of your space and funds than your recent stories; "FAA to up airplane defense", and "Aged cucumbers or something more"(sic). I am not here to attack any member of Stoutonia, or their writing, but merely the content. Seriously, what would readers rather read? Articles about Stealth Bombers and Pickles, or would they enjoy reading about building houses for the homeless and teaching children in the 3rd world about personal hygiene and AIDS? This is merely a rhetorical question, as the answer is quite clear. I thank you for your time, and hope that you will reconsider your stance on this issue.

Tim Krueger

Confusion about article

Dear Stoutonia,

When I was invited to talk to Stout's journalism class about the anniversary of Title IX, I was happy to accept and discuss the implications of Title IX and its impact on American education over the past 30 years. I was told the Stoutonia would be running an article about the anniversary of Title IX. Excerpts from this classroom interview ran under the headline "Soccer coach looking forward" on December 5th. Presenting the contents of that class interview under the headline above – with the implication that this was soccer's "year in review" article was a clear misrepresentation and a disservice to our students.

Given the incredible year that the women's soccer team had, getting a positive result at UW-Eau Claire for the first time, finishing second in the WIAC in every defensive category, having our best record EVER, if the Stoutonia wanted to write about the soccer team (which was implied by the headline), there are many positive accomplishments and important contributions to discuss.

Not only did the article completely disrespect our student-athletes by ignoring them, it also got its out of context information wrong. I did NOT estimate that $7 out of every $10 goes to men's sports – I quoted the Pioneer Press' account of the University of Minnesota's athletic expenditures (and I opined that Madison would be similar). Division III schools (like Stout) are much closer to 50/50. I also noted that Stout is compliant with Title IX (our participation by gender is within 3% of our overall student gender mix) based on proportionality (not "financial proportionality"). Also, I also never said that Title IX is a "legislative law." I guess if I am going to be misrepresented, I'd like to be misquoted accurately, but mostly I am disappointed that when soccer was covered in the Stoutonia (sort of), our student-athletes missed out on the positive coverage and recognition that they certainly deserve.

Dave Morris
UW-Stout Soccer Coach &
Coaching Minor Advisor

Sweatshop Santa



WILLPOWER
William Christenson

With the upcoming holidays, I am always reminded of how empty and meaningless they can often appear. I find it odd how holidays such as Christmas and Canukah and all the other major holidays have become merely icons of their former meanings, and now only serve as occasions to consume more than the average person normally would.

Holidays like Christmas used to be meaningful occasions that were actually associated with things that happened, or had some religious significance; things that meant something personal.

Today, they seem to be more justification to spend money. This is in part because of the way that businesses promote holidays; look around when you're shopping - as soon as they tear down the decorations for Halloween, they start putting up decorations for Thanksgiving and Christmas. As soon as Christmas is over, they start putting up decorations for Saint Patrick's Day and on and on around the year.

Stores try to make people think that they need to buy specialized decorations, gifts, candy, balloons, cards, toys, food, music, movies and more, just to try to feel "festive." No longer do we celebrate holidays; now our holidays celebrate consumption of mass quantities of things we don't need.

All this focus on objects, rather than making holidays about celebrating our relation to other people, comes with huge problems. People consistently max out their credit cards, and even go into debt just to try to buy presents for everyone they know. It causes undue amounts of stress in the process.

This takes all the enjoyment out of holidays. When Halloween is more about buying lots of candy than celebrating autumn and Christmas is more about seeing who gets the most gifts rather than sharing time with your family, I no longer see the point in them.

Not to mention the other problems that go along with holidays. Right around Christmas the suicide rate dramatically increases, along with the use of prescription anti-depressants.

Are we doing all this to ourselves on purpose, or is it just that we're too busy and too influenced by what we have seen in stores our whole lives; is it what we're used to?

Instead of asking for Christmas presents this year, why don't we try just having meaningful times with the people we care about? Instead of sending out cards, why don't we actually try to talk to that person? Everyone could be a lot happier if they just took a little time out of their lives and made holidays worthwhile.

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ing as a felony offense. It is meant to protect people from threats of hatred or predjudice. But the medium in which the threat is delivered is foggy.

Who is to say what is meant by the burning of a cross (although most reasonable people know what is being implied)? True, it's illegal to say you are going to kill another or to make symbols or images that express such a thought.

What is not illegal is to say that you hate another person for whatever reason. It can be argued that the burning of a cross is simply an expression of that. While one would look ridiculous arguing this position, it could easily be said: "I just hate you and want you to leave; I don't wish you dead. That's all I meant by burning that cross on your front yard."

People thinking that there are obvious loopholes should be aware of a few things. If one were to throw a burning cross on my lawn, the farthest they could be prosecuted might be trespassing or reckless endangerment. Arson applies to structures or large land masses.

"So why not simply make it illegal to throw burning things into my yard?" That might be a solution, but one that could not carry the penalties you would want, since it could also include kids with fireworks, careless smokers or even neighbors burning trash.

Penalizing the cross burners would be selective prosecution and still would be a form of censorship.

What has happened in Virginia is that they have passed a new version of their law that makes it illegal to burn anything in a threatening manner. This new law could get around the First Amendment by not singling out crosses, as it had done before in it's wording.

This might make it easier for the Supreme Court to decide against cross-burners and keep them from threatening people in a way that has historically been linked with hate. At the same time, it's hard for me to see getting around the First Amendment as a good thing, regardless.

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Playing santa with no money

Cheap gift ideas this Christmas season for the poor college student

Krystle Williams
Tiffany Laschinger
The Stoutonia



by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

Tis the season.

For digging through couch cushions and rummaging through pants for any spare change.

Empty gift boxes are not the only solution for those who are broke this holiday season and cannot afford extravagant gifts for those you love. All it takes is a little creativity and, teardrop, a lot of love, and anyone can pull together an awesome Christmas gift with very little cash.

Well, penny-pinch no more! There are plenty of great gift ideas available for the average, broke-ass college student.

"I went to a fabric store and found some cheap fleece material," Kim Roy, a sophomore retail merchandising major, said. "I made it into a blanket for my sister last year."

There are always good old-fashioned fall-backs too. Things that you have made in class can be an excellent gift because it is something that you already put a lot of work into.

"Old art projects would be great for parents or friends," said Scott Cornell, a senior majoring in multimedia design.

If ever in doubt, parents and grandparents love homemade cards. There are also e-cards, for the computer literate; they are available online. And what could be better than a quick, easy and 'free' way to express yourself to that special someone in you life?

With online cards you can pick from many different categories depending on the person you are sending it to, or you can customize your own e-card.

Cornell also recommended designing a web page for a friend or family member. It's a special gift just for them that's personalized. Pictures, stories, and inside jokes can be placed on the page so memories can be views at the click of a mouse.

The Internet also offers many other terrific gift-giving opportunities, such as Ebay.com. It's a web site that has great deals - if you can get the winning bid.

People are always trying to sell random things on the web. You never know when you will run into a good deal. Old treasure from childhood not found anywhere else can be tracked down on the web and bought for bargained prices.

For those of you who can use a little creativity, there are other options.

"I'm taking pictures from the whole year and making them into a collage picture frame to give to my friends," said Tiffany Zachman, a sophomore majoring in retail merchandising.

If you really want to get on someone's good side, a homemade coupon book could do the trick.

All you need is a paper and pen. Write down some promises like: You Get a 15 Minute Massage or Free Breakfast in Bed, then give it to your loved one. It's a guaranteed winner for anyone that wants to kick back and have a slave at the drop of a coupon.

Also don't forget that after Christmas sales can be a great time to pick up your gifts, just tell your loved ones to wait.

Just remember, gifts aren't always the most important thing of the holiday season. It's usually the people you are around to enjoy it with.

Sometimes a gift that benefits you in the end isn't a bad idea either.

"Edible panties are always a good thing," said Scott Ernster, a senior business major.

Warming up the winter blues

Seasonal Affects Disorder can make people feel isolated and depressed

Mary Mittelstadt
The Stoutonia

Your alarm goes off for that dreaded 8 a.m. class. You swore to yourself the night before that you would finally get up and make the trek to fourth floor Harvey Hall. However, you just can't seem to force your body to go through the motion.

Before people jump to a conclusion and blames this scenario on laziness, they should stop to consider that the root of the problem could be medical. More specifically, the lack of physical and mental drive could be a result of Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD).

"My dad has it [SAD]," said freshman Reanna Reimer, a multimedia major.

Reimer said that she also thinks she has symptoms of the disorder to a certain extent. She explained that SAD is a form of depression, and that forms of depression is often hereditary.

"I am not as active in winter; I tend to stay inside more and be more secluded," said Reimer.

She also agreed that her ambition levels decrease during the long dreary winter months.

According to National Mental Health Association (NMHA), about 25 percent of the population suffers from mild cases of SAD. This mild form is more commonly referred to as the winter blues. About five percent of the population suffers from severe SAD. The NMHA states that younger members, especially females, are most likely to develop the disorder.

People who suffer from the disorder find that their daily lives change in the fall and winter months. Most commonly, symptoms arise in December, January and February, as stated by the Seasonal Affective Disorder Association (SADA). However, SAD may arise anytime from September through April.

Symptoms, according to NMHA, are a noticed change in sleeping and eating habits, more persistent sadness and loss of ambition and interest(s). SADA elaborates on this by adding increased anxiety, social problems and a loss of libido to the list of symptoms.

For University of Wisconsin-Stout students, this could range from ruining an entire semester of classes and relationships, to simply skipping a few classes here and there.

Senior Kate Commings, a human development and family studies major, does not identify specifically or medically with SAD.

"On a gloomy day, all I

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Campus Slant



"There's a toll to kiss me under the mistle toe."
~Tracey Derry,
Soph., telecommunications



"Mistletoe should be hung in more places other than the doorways to make the moment less expected."
~Jenny Malecha
Soph., business

If you could make up a rule for the mistletoe, what would it be?



"Dirty dance with ASHEHIM."
~Lacey Kleren (l)
Sr., hospitality and tourism management
~Sarah Lundquist(r)
Sr., hospitality and tourism management

"I would have mistletoe all year long so that all the girls that wanna kiss me can actually have a chance to"
~Kurt Bowen
Jr., hotel and tourism management



Next Semester:

What was the most embarrassing gift you opened?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Channel your life force energy

Tiffany Laschinger
The Stoutonia

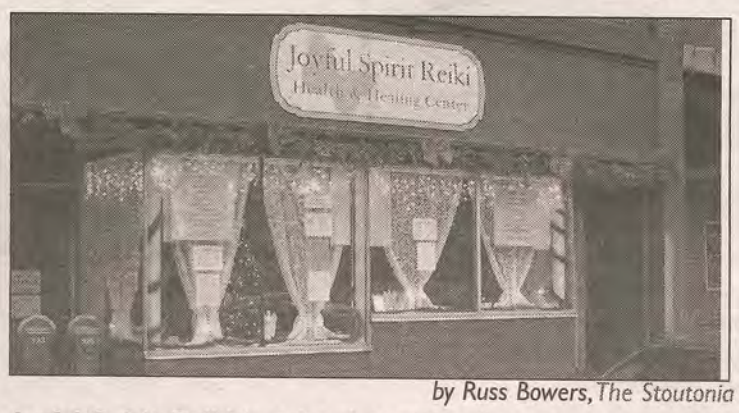
Beads of sweat form on your forehead, and all you can do is stare blankly at the colossal clock on the wall as you think about how little time you have to get everything done.

You need to relax.

To be able to truly unwind and de-stress is something many wish they could achieve, but many are still searching to find how to do that.

Reiki is a healing technique that was founded by a Japanese man in the early 20th century. It used energy from the body to heal the physical and emotional body. It stands for universal life force energy. Every living thing has life force energy and it is channeled down through the arms and hands. Reiki masters use their hands marked with sacred symbols to control the energy to certain parts of the body.

"Her hands were very warm," said Christine Donovan, a freshman in business, who recently learned about Reiki from a local Reiki master. "When she put her hands on my back where I have a lot of pain, my upper back and shoulders felt a lot better."



by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

Joyful Spirit Reiki is a local center where you can go get treated by the Reiki master or lean how to become one.

Lori Halpin is a Reiki master who practices right in Menomonie on Main Street. Her store is called Joyful Spirit Reiki. She holds treatments which people can go in for an hour or more to receive a healing touch from

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"Dysfunctional family functions"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

As great as the holidays can be, family get-togethers are often frightening.

With a never-ending chain of extended family members filing through the doors of the Christmas host's home, you begin to question the effectiveness of birth control.

Yes, you love you family... all of them, but twelve women in the kitchen bitching about who knows the correct way to stuff a turkey, fifteen men in front of the T.V. screaming at the referee and thirty tiny little cousins in a chaotic game of tag is a just a bit overwhelming.

Maybe your family is not quite this large, but you probably have a picture of your own crazy and neurotic family in mind.

Over the years I have begun to look forward to my dysfunctional family get-togethers.

I still get the, "What are you planning to do with your life?" question, but my family phrases it as, "So, when you finally quit drinking all those beers and graduate, how are you planning on supporting all of us?"

I believe that when I passed a certain age, I was finally allowed up from the basement where I ate at the kiddie table, and up to the grown-up table.

At times, table-talk consists of educated discussion, but mostly I find it centers around who has the craziest story. I hear stories of how much trouble my aunts and uncles used to get into, how many times they threw parties in my grandparents barn and how often they avoided the police.

My parents can no longer lecture me on what I do, because they admitted to their law-breaking youth.

There is plenty of humiliating stories that go around the tables, and I begin to realize my family much different than I thought now that I have reached their height.

For those that know me, yes, my entire family is short, like me.

I think the only time the house is quiet is when we say grace before dinner, but even that is short-lived, and the house erupts in the crazy psychobabble of my family.

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want to do is sleep, and on a cloudy day all I want to do is sleep," Commings said. "I don't think I allow it to affect me. If I need to get stuff done, I'll get up and do it. I think I use it [the weather] as more of an excuse."

Many UW-Stout students may suffer these mild symptoms, as the temperature in Menomonie typically drops lower and quicker than in other areas of Wisconsin.

"SAD can run very close with other types of depression," said Nancy Barsho, a triage nurse at the student health center. "Visit a health care center to come to a conclusion that [SAD] is what [you have]."

Both NMHA and SADA state that mild symptoms are simply relieved by regular exercise, spending more time outdoors and by rearranging rooms and offices to receive more sunlight. More serious symptoms may be treated with counseling, anti-depressant drugs and

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her hands. Halpin has been practicing Reiki for four years, since her sister and niece got her interested.

"It's self-help kind of stuff, even if you don't believe in all the metaphysical stuff," said Rae Seamans, a freshman in apparel design.

Halpin also teaches self-help methods to help yourself heal or to just relax your body. This can be used every day or whenever needed.

"Take a couple of deep breaths and breathe it out," Halpin said. "It will make you feel much better."

She advises people to release all stress, anger, hatred, judgement or any negative feelings. Halpin tells patients to picture a pink garbage bag, and blow all of the negative feelings into it. Then, shoot it into the sky and explode it like fireworks on the fourth of July.

"Take five minutes for yourself and just be," Halpin said. "Release all responsibility. Just breathe it all out of you."

According to Reiki beliefs, stresses can cause physical body aches or ailments. Pain in the lower back can signify worries particularly about money. Pain or problems with ankles can suggest guilt about something. Persistent sore throats can mean you are not speaking your feelings and truths. Pain in the shoulders may mean that you are carrying an unnecessary burden or responsibility. Even warts can be a symbol for a person that you may hate to any degree.

Halpin advises people to forgive, resolve and release.



Bush overwhelms everything

New White House policy outlines the use of extreme force in all facets

Oliver Cloazoff
The Stoutonia

President Bush today announced a sweeping change in policy, covering both foreign and domestic policy. The move follows a White House release that outlined it's position on retaliation in the event of an attack.

"We will be using 'overwhelming force' in all aspects of the government from now on," said a White House spokesperson. "It is not enough that we flex our muscle in the arena of warfare. We must present a unified front in every aspect of government policy."



by Freddie Finger, The Stoutonia

President Bush delivers his new policy in which he plans to overwhelm any new adversary.

One of the first changes will affect the Internal Revenue Service and its collection of back taxes. Specifically, the new bill will allow the IRS to kill a person if they are more than a few months late with their taxes.

"We have decided that it is time for America to stop being the victim," said Tom Ridge, Director of Homeland Security. "We will no longer sit idly by as America is taken advantage of.

Other effects of the bill, known as the "National Overreaction to Absolutely Everything," will be the governments newfound ability to forcibly take away any previously self-right to privacy, including reading mail, tapping phones and looking at you through binoculars while you undress.

"If we feel threatened, this new bill gives us the ability to enter your home and take you to jail," said Ridge. "We will use overwhelming force to make you do what we want."

This move follows on the heels of the FAA recent move which upped security for all airplanes and allowed them to now carry attack capabilities as well as passengers.

In areas of foreign policy, this new bill would give the U.S. the right to set up military bases anywhere it sees fit, regardless of how the country or its people feel.

"It is necessary, for the security of our way of life, to be able to do as we please in the world," said President Bush. "We can ill afford another country or terrorist faction to go about their daily lives if they think poorly of the United States."

Other government agencies are in full support of the new bill, especially the Federal Bureau of Investigation, which feels the new bill could have gone into effect long ago.

"Man, this new bill really would have saved our asses at Rudy Ridge or Waco," said a source inside the F.B.I. "That overwhelming force thing would have totally justified what we did in those situations."

Immigration and Naturalization Services will also get a big boost in activity, since the wording of the new bill will most likely be enough for them to get around most human rights laws adherent to the U.S.

"We are looking forward to busting some heads," said John Silvo, a spokesman for the I.N.S. "Those aliens better watch it."

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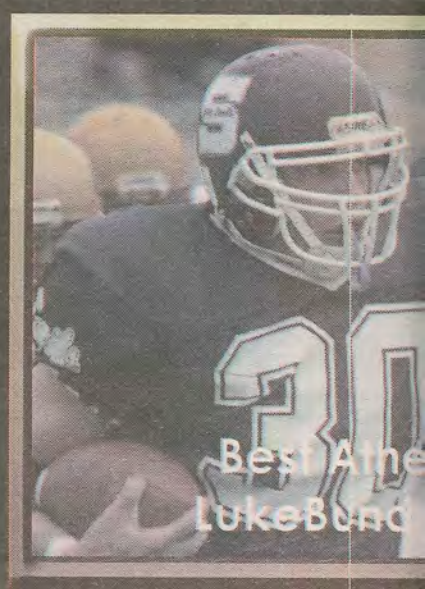




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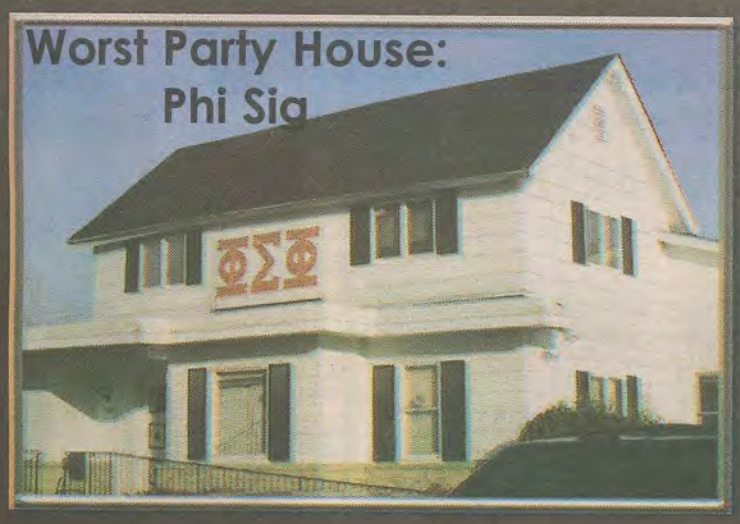


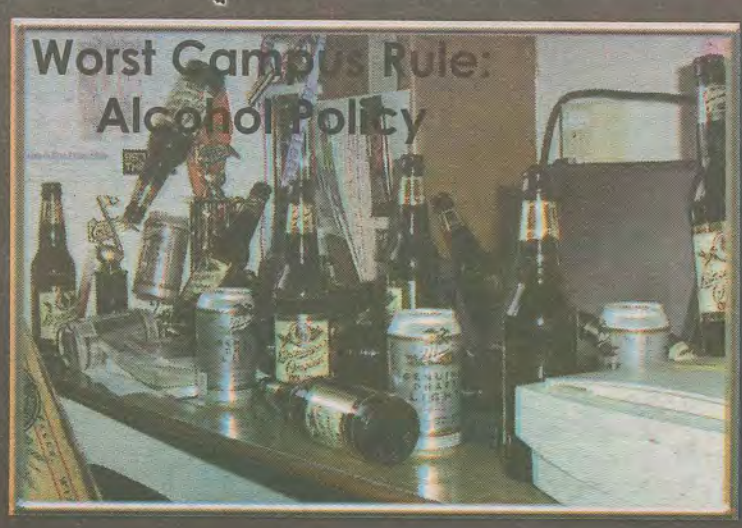








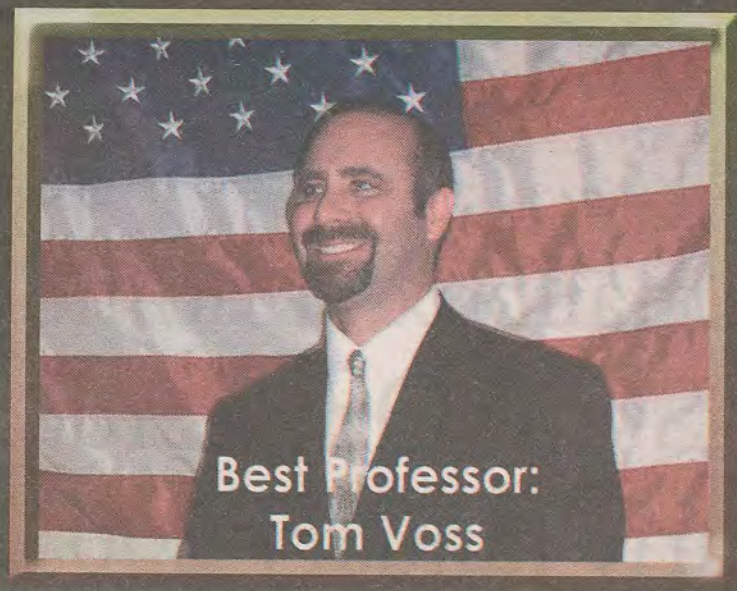




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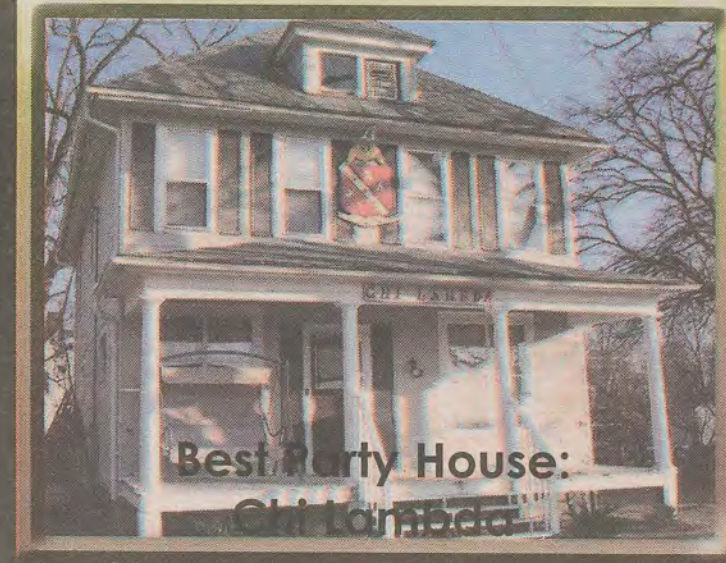


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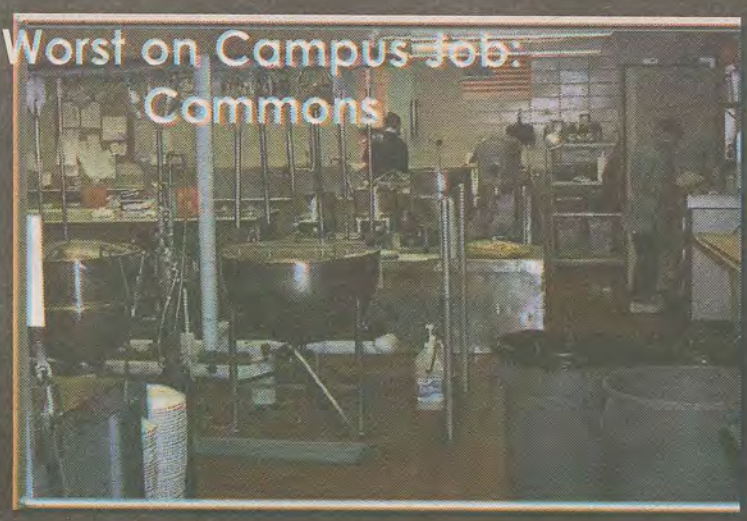


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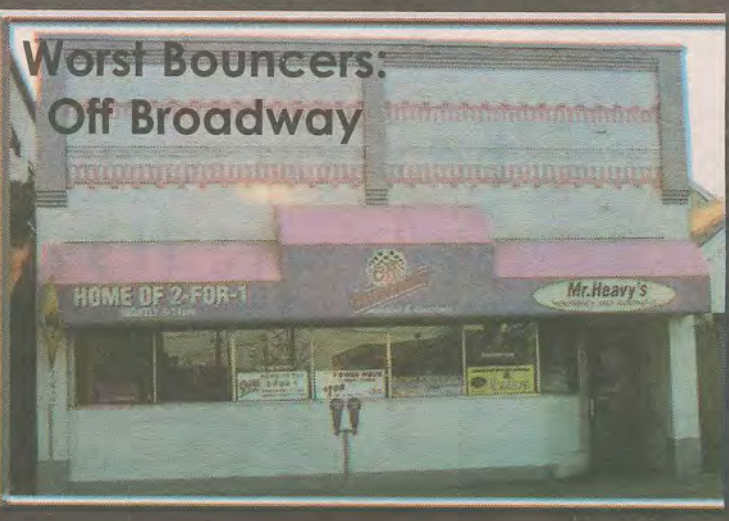
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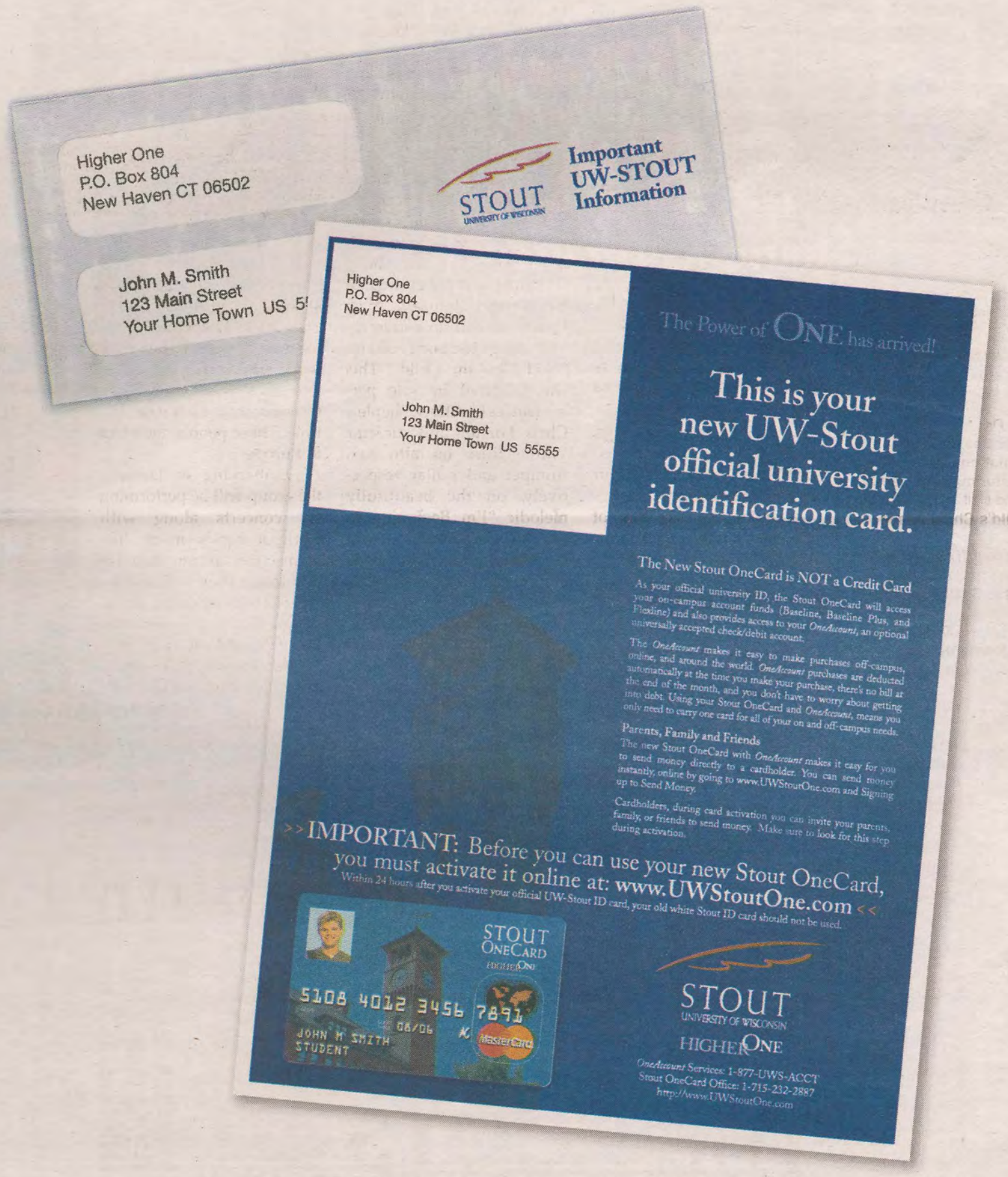
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Keep studying you're almost done!

Have anything to add to the Campus Calander? Send suggestions to Belinda @ Stoutonia or lewisb@uwstout.edu

Concert sings Christmas

Bill Denney
The Stoutonia

With the Christmas season fast approaching, the country is swept up in the rush of consumerism and advertisements that are assimilated with the month of December. Sometimes, it is good to stop and remember what this season is all about.

One good way to kick your thought process in the butt is through music. On Sunday, Dec. 8, the University of Wisconsin-Stout concert and jazz bands did just that.

The annual Winter Band Concert took center stage in the Great Hall and pleased listener's ears with an incredible lineup of songs, eight of which were played by the concert band, and four by the jazz ensemble.

Under the direction of Stephanie Graber, the concert band kicked off the show with an awesome rendition of "King Cotton March," written by the march king himself, John Phillip Sousa.



A trio of trumpeters, made up of Adam Cloues, Andy Imholte and Kate Cummings, had their chance to shine as they blew the crowd away with "Bugler's Holiday."

The next piece presented was an arrangement of Native American dances from various corners of the country.

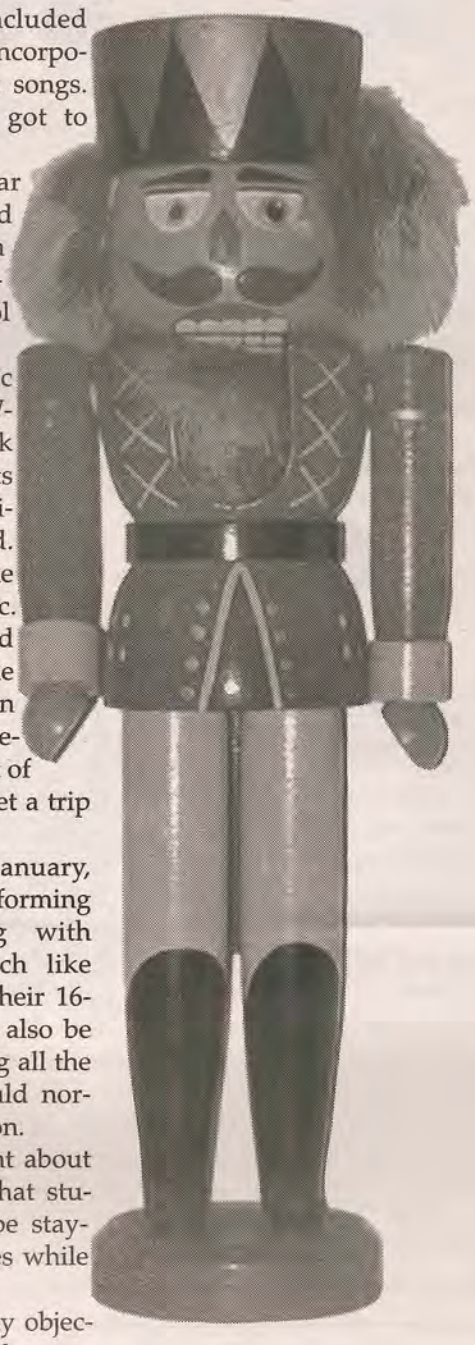
Directed by Andrew Neesley and Vincent Rose, the jazz ensemble added some more lighthearted, quiet tones to the show, including a number written by Neesley himself. Nick Radzinski had an extremely well done trombone solo on "God Bless the Child." This was followed by solo performances by Chuck Shepley, Chris Forster and director Vinnie Rose on alto sax, trumpet and guitar respectively, on the beautifully melodic "I'm Beginning to See the Light." After one last piece, the concert band came back to finish things up.

During the highlight section of the performance, the Christmas spirit flourished. "Greensleeves" was first on the slate followed by the best performance of the night with the Christmas classic "Sleigh Ride." By this time, everyone was enjoying the festivities; even Jolly Old St. Nick himself decided to make an appearance.

The show concluded with a medley that incorporated many different songs. The audience even got to sing along.

"I was a regular Pavarotti," exclaimed Matt Skwierczynski, a sophomore in industrial design. "It's cool that they did that."

With no music major here at UW-Stout, one could ask why these students would want to participate in concert band. The answer is just the sheer love of music. They are truly devoted to their art, and the work pays off when you stick with something for that amount of time. These people get a trip to Europe.



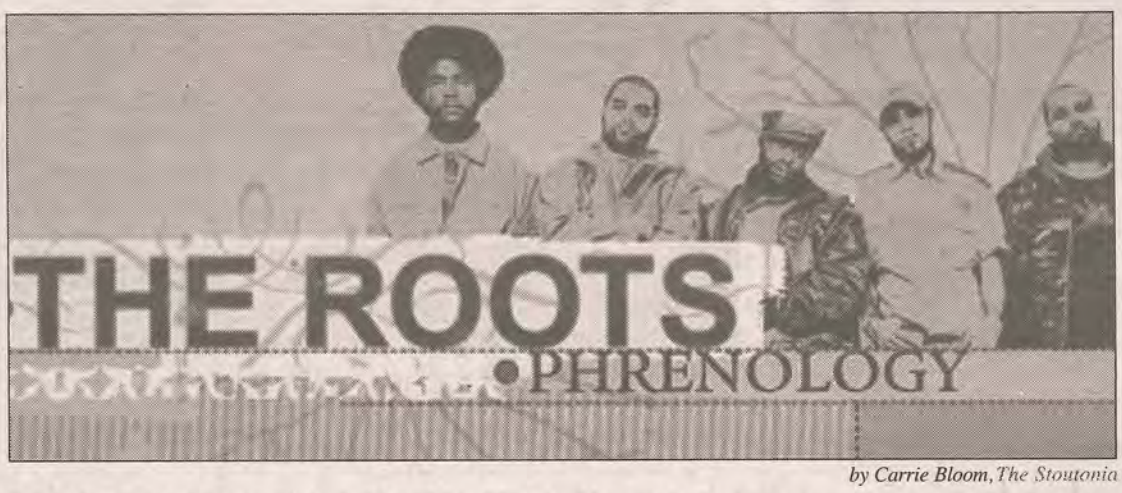
Embarking in January, the group will be performing six concerts along with German bands much like themselves, during their 16-day tour. They will also be sightseeing and doing all the things that you would normally do on a vacation.

Another big point about the trip is the fact that students will actually be staying with host families while in Germany.

"One of the many objectives of the trip is to become

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Roots go deep with lyrics



by Carrie Bloom, The Stoutonia

The Roots add flavor to the traditional hip-hop music scene with a real percussion and guitars, something not often heard on a rap album. This group is similar to Anti-pop Consortium and Heiruspecs.



ALBUMREVIEW
Amanda Dobbratz

Author's side note: I'm not really what you would call a head. In fact, I'm quite new to hip-hop, not to mention new to enjoying hip-hop, so please bear with me as I stumble through this review.

In top-40 radio land, hip-hop is all about image and ego. That can be a major turn-off when one yearns for expression, awareness or maybe just a little intelligence. There is hope.

The Roots is a hip-hop band from Philadelphia, Penn. It is a true band, complete with guitars and a drum set, no turntables. This blows me away; I thought turntablism was the first element of hip-hop, but like I said, I don't really know anything. There's something about a drum set that sampled beats and drum machines just can't reproduce.

The Roots' new album, *Phrenology* proves through the lyrics of emcee Black Though, beats of percussionist/producer ?uestlove, instrumentation of Hub, Kamal and Ben Kenney and the human turntablism of Scratch.

For any of you mystified by the title of this album, phrenology is a form of 19th-century psychology, in which the practitioner evaluated the bumps of the patient's skull to determine the individual's character.

One great thing about

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Midwest quest close to home



Courtesy of: www.movies.go.com

The wedding scene in "About Schmidt" shows Jack Nicholson interacting with his new in-laws. He is called upon to make a speech at the wedding, and grits his teeth through the entire ordeal.



MOVIEREVIEW

Matthew Tracy

I'll say this right now, to get it out of the way: Jack Nicholson is one of the greatest American actors we have ever witnessed. The emulation that he has endured, the myriad of imitators, the thousands of actors who have ripped him off, simply proves that he is a talent that cannot be reckoned with. So now, with the release of his latest movie "About Schmidt," Nicholson proves that when everyone thinks they know what the best is going to do next, the best will surprise you.

Directed by Alexander Payne (1999's "Election"), "About Schmidt" concerns us with Warren Schmidt, a retiring insurance salesman from Omaha, Neb., who finds that life after retirement is in fact not as exciting as he thought it would be. One of the single best montages of the movie is in the beginning when Warren finds he now only has time to dwell on how annoying his life will be, especially his wife.

Plot point/spoiler here: certain events occur that lend themselves to Warren (Nicholson) riding around the country in a huge Winnebago on a voyage of self-discovery, if you will, all leading to his daughter's wedding. Warren's travels move him through a landscape that is searingly Midwest, right down to the RV encounter with a couple from Eau Claire. So much so are the stops on Warren's trip a part of the movie, that they could be considered another cast member and arguably, a scene stealer (get it?).

It is Warren's interaction with every other character in the movie that pushes us into caring for how pathetic he has become and are simply hoping that he will be vindicated, but standing in the way is his daughter's fiancé's family.

Matriarched by a superb Kathy Bates, who may, if The Academy doesn't wuss out, get an Oscar nod, the family includes the waterbed-selling son Randall (Dermot Mulroney, "My Best Friend's Wedding") and Bates' ex Larry (Howard Hesseman), the family does anything but settle Warren's nerves about his daughter's marriage.

Nicholson will doubtlessly get an Academy nomination, which will actually hurt Bates' chances. You see, Oscar doesn't exactly have a thing for comedy; in fact, he seems to almost hate it. It stands to reason that the nod that will be given to Nicholson will be a way for The Academy bail itself out and not have to nominate any other deserving comedy actors this year.

For anyone who thinks they have a sense of humor, you know who you are you humor snobs, this is the movie for you. "Election" was the perfect blend of humor, humanism and enough inappropriateness to make high schoolers laugh. "About Schmidt" follows the same formula, except with a great like Nicholson showing what makes him great, it has diversity.

One last thing, and this is something that I have seen no other reviewer do: watch out for the Kathy Bates' scene in the hot tub. If you think you know where I'm going with this, you're right.



Courtesy off: www.movies.go.com

Kathy Bates co-stars with Jack Nicholson in "About Schmidt." One of the most memorable scenes in the flick is the infamous hot tub scene.

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Roots/ hip-hop minus turntables

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this album is the variety of styles explored. The Roots is a group who constantly push boundaries and jump lines. Can you think of another hip-hop group laying down a punk rock track?

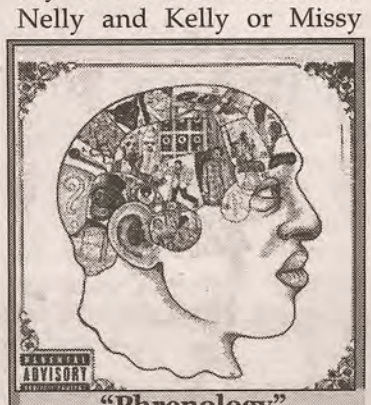
There is a sufficient amount of straight-up rap on this album to satisfy the diehards. The tracks "Rock You" and "Rolling with Heat" meet this obligation.

However, I'm in for the experimentation, the conceptual even. "Something in the Way of Things (In Town)," a song blasted by traditionalists, is one of my favorites on the album. Yes, it's long, clocking in at 7:16 in fact, and I guess it's not really rap. "Something in the Way of Things" is more of an updated version of beat poetry. It begins with a poem by poet laureate Amiri Baraka, reading over ephemeral instrumentation that breaks into a slightly more traditional hip-hop beat.

I have to say there are some really brilliant songs on this album. Smart lyrics that concern themselves with real social issues are backed by killer beats that only a live percussion section could produce.

"Pussy Galore" is my favorite example of such a song. It's not, as I thought, a cover of a Prince song. That's "Pussy Control." Anyway, "Pussy Galore" directly confronts the idea of exploiting women and sexuality in advertising. It has poignant lyrics mixed with an extraordinary beat.

To sum this up, *Phrenology* is a record full of experimentation. When limits are pushed, something interesting always happens. If you feel like adventuring beyond the likes of Ja Rule, Nelly and Kelly or Missy



"Phrenology"
-Roots
Amanda says: *"A record full of experimentation."*
How it rates:
★★★☆☆

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!
-The Stoutonia Folk-

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Ribeyes, sirloins, filets--oh my!

Erin Hogan-Braker
The Stoutonia

Where can you go for a good steak these days? Choices are limited with the closing of Eau Claire's Fischer's White House and Menomonie's Bolo Country Inn. However, on Dec. 10, Timber Lodge Steakhouse will open its doors in Eau Claire in an attempt to fill that void. The Lodge's opening marks the Minnesota-based chain's fifth restaurant in Wisconsin.

The Lodge's menu is based on its USDA choice steaks. Ribeyes, sirloins and filets make up the menu along side a hearty choice of seafood entrees.

"What we have to offer the Eau Claire community is a selection of the finest steaks available," said Jim Morgan, general manager for the Eau Claire Timber Lodge. "Nothing but corn fed, 21 day aged, certified black angus, all cut to our specifications. Simply some of the best beef you can find; nothing is sacrificed for quality."

If steaks aren't your thing, the Lodge still has more to offer. The mere taste of the hash-brown bake and wild rice soup has been known to make Wisconsin residents drive hours to the Twin Cities' Lodge locations. Seafood, baby back ribs, pork chops and fettuccine pasta are also available.

"The portions are so big, I always leave that place satisfied," said Katie Hermes, a junior in service management.

The Lodge's new 2 million dollar log cabin-style building is located next to Younkers in Oakwood Mall. The cabin atmosphere is kept cozy with three large, stone fireplaces and a cozy Northwood's decorating style.

"It's great to get a table near one of the fireplaces; it adds a little more to your meal," said Hermes.

The waiting area's plush couches and living room setup are enough to make any guest comfortable. The glow of the fires and the soft lighting makes a feast in the oversized booths a real treat.

More important to students than the interior or steaks will be the Lodge's daily happy hour special.



Courtesy of: www.timberlodge.com

Timber Lodge Steakhouse opened this week, adding yet another up-scale restaurant choice to Eau Claire. The Lodge is located near Younkers in Oakwood Mall.

The Lodge will be offering 2 for 1's on all well drinks, 16 oz tap beers and house wines. That includes the Lodge's own Leinie's creation, the Timber Lager. Happy hour runs Monday through Thursday from 4 to 6 p.m., and weekends from 3 to 6 p.m.

"I've had the Timber Lager in Minnesota; it's a lot like a Sam Adams," said Katie Brenner, a junior in retail merchandise management.

Though the meals come with more of a professor-friendly price, the amount of food served with each meal makes the Lodge a value. Early dining features begin at $8.99, with prices topping off around $25. Most meals are served with warm bread, homemade soup or salad, choice of potato and vegetables.

"I'm going there after my finals; I'm going to reward myself [with] a nice porterhouse and a little brew," said Hermes.

After another completed semester, a good meal is definitely well deserved.

Concert/ band to travel to Europe

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more familiar with German culture through these three-to-four-day stays," said Stephanie Graber, the concert band director.

Graber's extremely contagious enthusiasm and excitement about her band slaps a smile on anyone's face when she gets to talk about it.



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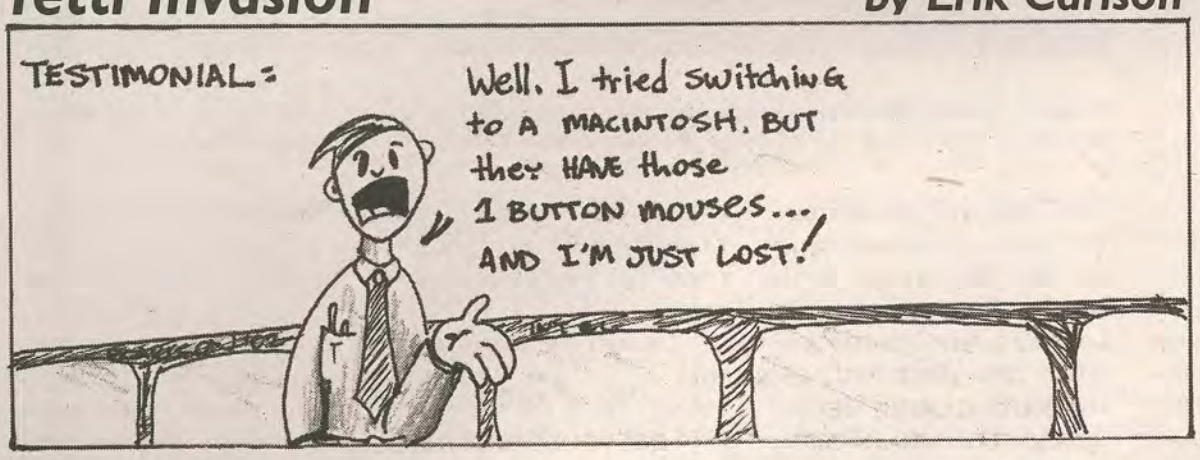
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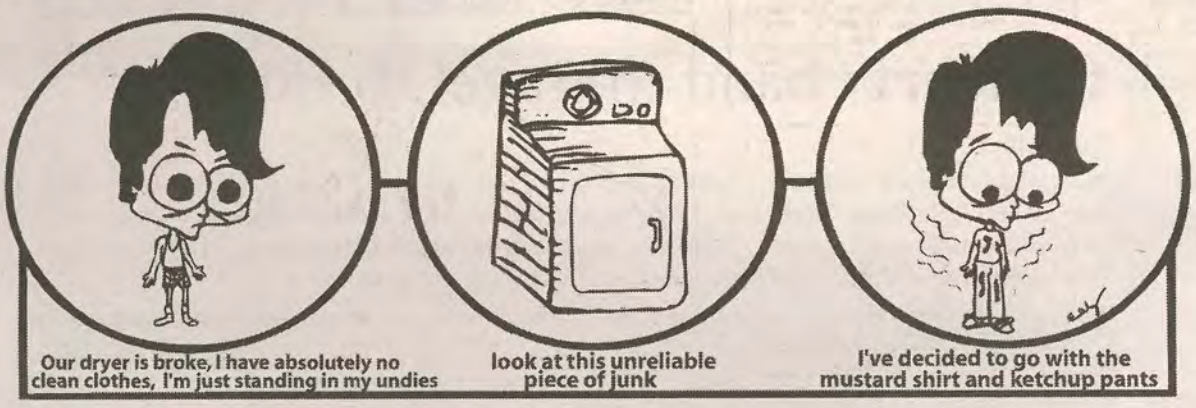
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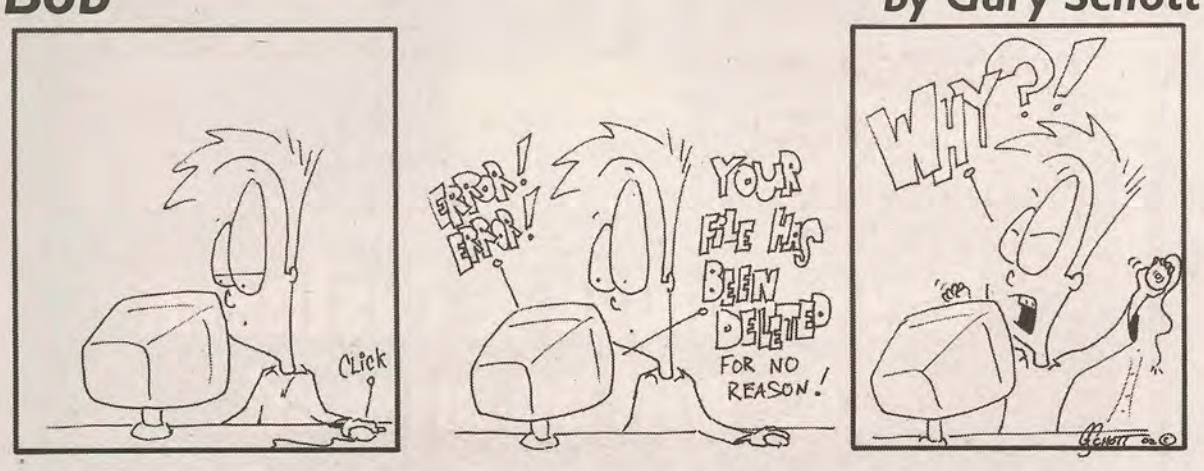
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Packers pull out another win

Jessica Vergowe
The Stoutonia

On Sunday, Dec. 8, the Green Bay Packers hosted their long time border rival, the Minnesota Vikings. Throughout the entire game, the Packers chance of a win looked bleak. The Vikings took an early 3-0 lead and remained out front until the last 65 seconds of the contest.

"I thought the Packers played decent considering how many players are injured," said Nathaniel Rendall, a junior hotel, restaurant and tourism management major.

With 1:05 left in the game Tony Fisher scored a 14-yard touchdown run to give Green Bay its first lead of the game and eventually a 26-22 victory over the Vikings. Packers safety Darren Sharper picked off Vikings quarterback Daunte Culpepper's pass as time expired. Instead of downing the ball, Sharper returned it 66 yards before finally going down at the Minnesota 16.

"It was so unsportsmanlike for Sharper to return the ball," said Eric Kuphal, junior hotel, restaurant and tourism management major. "I wish he would have fumbled it and the Vikings would have scored."

The real excitement of the night was when the rivalry of the two teams boiled over into the postgame. Vikings tight end Jim Kleinsasser gave a two-handed shove to Packers safety Marques Anderson.

"I think the fact that a player got hurt at the end of the game outweighs the run-back by Sharper," said John Schultz, junior general business management major. "It's a legal play in the National Football League and no one was around him."

As players from both teams rushed to break up the brawl or join in, Vikings defensive tackle Chris Hovan altercated with Packers quarterback Brett Favre near the Packers' tunnel. Hovan proceeded by making several obscene gestures as he was escorted from the field by an explosion of boos from the crowd.

"I admit, Sharper made a poor decision to run back the interception, but it was totally unprofessional for the Vikings team to behave the way they did," said Rendall. "It only further proves that the Minnesota organization and fans are corrupt."

The league usually lets teams know of suspensions right away so that they can prepare replacements and aren't caught off guard after they've begun installing the game plan.



courtesy of ,The Star Tribune

After a close game the Vikings and Packers took out their aggression on one another. Players from both teams who were involved in the fight will be fined.

There was concern in Green Bay that defensive tackle Cletidus Hunt might face a suspension for coming off the sideline before the final play was over and racing across the field to defend his teammates.

The Vikings were worried that tight end Kleinsasser might face punishment for leaving the bench and shoving Anderson during Sharper's 66-yard interception return on the final play of Green Bay's 26-22 victory.

Still, several players are bracing fines for their roles in the fracas, although few wanted to talk about it.

Also, the league said that the participants in the teams' postgame melee about 50 yards away from the Favre-Hovan exchange Sunday night could expect fines but not suspensions when punishment is meted out Thursday.

Reviewing the week in Stout sports



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka



Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

The visiting UW-Eau Claire Blugolds played hard and took down the UW-Stout Blue Devils in the first home game of the season at Johnson Fieldhouse Saturday night.

Basketball

On Monday, the Blue Devils played non-conference oppenent Martin Luther College for the first time. The University of Wisconsin-Stout opened with a 10-2 run and went on to an 83-64 win at Johnson Fieldhouse.

After UW-Stout (6-2) built a 26-11 lead midway through the first half, Martin Luther (3-3) cut the lead to single digits only once the rest of the way. The Blue Devils finished, shooting 46 percent on the night and held Martin Luther to 34 percent from the field.

Sara Kahl, a junior from Menomonie, scored 14 points, 11 in the first half, to lead the Lady Devils.

Earlier in the week, the Blue Devils lost a close and heated game at home to the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, 72-69.

University of Wisconsin-Stout will host the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, Wednesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m.

With over 3,000 fans watching the first home game for the Men's team on Saturday, expectations were high. The Blue Devils were facing rival UW-Eau Claire and lost an 80-74 decision.

However, four Blue Devils scored in the double digits. Jeff Vandeberghe, a junior from Coon Rapids, Minn., had 19 points; Nate Templer, a junior from Beaver Dam, Wis., scored 14; Andy Bray, a junior from Menominee, Mich., added 13 and Barrington Smith, a senior from Oklahoma City, Okla., scored 10.

Hockey

Derek Nichols, a junior from Victoria, Minn., scored two first period goals to lead UW-Stout to a 3-1 win over the winless Milwaukee School of Engineering in the consolation game of the Radisson North Classic at Colorado Springs, Colo. Nichols was named to the all-tournament team.

Blue Devils goalie Jeff Dotson, a junior from Chanhassen, Minn, recorded 36 saves. The win snapped a four-game losing streak for the Blue Devils.

Cross Country

Lacey Osuldsen, a senior from Ladysmith, Wis., was named as the most valuable runner for the UW-Stout women's cross country team, coach Joe Harlan announced.

Kersten Wilson, a sophmore from Tomahawk, Wis., and Jenny Hopps, a sophomore from Coon Rapids, Minn., were named as the most improved returners, while Leah Karaliunas, from Oconomowoc, Wis., was named the most improved freshman.

Heidi Bedsted, a senior from Plainview, Minn., was named most inspirational.

Ryan Chernik, a sophomore from Pewaukee, Wis., was named the most valuable runner for the men's team.

Adam Burrack, from Shawano, Wis., was named the most outstanding freshman. Nate Lynch, a sophomore from Appleton, Wis., was named most improved runner.

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Blue Devil is player of the year

Curt Trnka
The Stoutonia

After finishing the season with the second-best record in school history the University of Wisconsin-Stout Volleyball team has been given another feather for its cap. Middle hitter Tanille Zenner, from Athens, Wis., was named freshman player of the year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA). Zenner was also named a 2002 AVCA Division III Third Team All-American.

"I was pretty shocked," Zenner said of the award. "I wasn't sure what to expect. It was amazing."

Assistant volleyball coach John Haggard said that, "we've had All-American's before but never a national award. [Her teammates] are all real excited. They are shocked, but they are happy. They never realized what a treat it is to play with someone like that."

Other awards Zenner received were WIAC player of the week and Stoutonia Player of the Week Nov. 3. She was recently named team offensive MVP as well.

To earn the awards, she finished the season with 445 kills (3.56 k/g), 26 service aces, 146 digs, 53 solo blocks and a school record 107 block assists. Also, Zenner appeared in 125 of the Blue Devils' 126 games, despite ligament damage to her thumb and having to play with the hand wrapped for all but two weeks of the season.

"It's pretty much you just [have to] play with it," Zenner said. "I'm not going to sit on the sideline and let anything take me down."

Haggard is confident that Zenner will be ready for next season.

"Yes, she will be [ready]," Haggard said. "[The injury] is on her thumb on her left hand and she's a right handed player. She had to wear a makeshift cast for every game."

In the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC), Zenner was second in hitting percentage (.343) and total blocks (1.28 b/g) and seventh in kills. During the season, she was named to four all-tournament teams, Augsburg, La Crosse, Eau Claire and River Falls.

The full list of the 2002 UW-Stout volleyball team awards includes Zenner as the most valuable offensive player, and Erin Heger, a sophomore from Chaska, Minn., was the most valuable defensive player. The most improved player of the year was Tami Martinek, a senior from Eau Claire, Wis.



courtesy of, Sports Information

Tanille Zenner was recently named Freshman Player of the Year by the American Volleyball Coaches Association. She is also offensive team MVP for the Blue Devils.

This year's Spirit Award went to Erin Krempel, a sophomore from Lake Mills, and the Blue Devil award went to junior Laura Bogenschutz, from Baxter, Minn.

Now that the off-season is here, one might think that Zenner is glad to have a break, but she would like the season to be starting up again right now.

"I'm very, very anxious for next year," she said. "I can't wait. I see a lot of potential for next year. We will surprise a lot of people, including ourselves."

2002 UW-Stout Volleyball Team Awards

Most Valuable Offensive Player - Tanille Zenner
Most Valuable Defensive Player - Erin Heger
Most Improved Player - Tami Martinek
Spirit Award - Erin Krempel
Blue Devil Award - Laura Bogenschutz

All-tournament teams

Brooke Viegut - River Falls, Augsburg, La Crosse
Tanille Zenner - Augsburg, La Crosse, Eau Claire, River Falls
Lindsay Mensink - River Falls
Laura Bogenschutz - Eau Claire, River Falls

Ice skating for students

Rebecca Werner
The Stoutonia

Winter time at the University of Wisconsin-Stout may sound restrictive for some. With the sidewalks covered in snow and the closest ski lodge out of easy driving distance, it may seem impossible to remain active. However, the Menomonie Recreational Center, along with Menomonie Youth Hockey, brings an alternative to this potentially dismal winter: ice skating.

Located at the Dunn County Fair Grounds is an indoor ice arena. According to an employee at the Recreational Park, Dan Krueger, the area is open to public on Wednesday nights from 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. and on Sunday nights from 7:45-9:00 p.m., with the exception of Christmas. A one time pass costs three dollars and a seasonal pass cost twenty dollars.

Nicole Marschalek, a senior in industrial design, has been ice skating since she was three.

"Growing up in Wisconsin, I thought everyone did," said Marschalek. "I started lessons when I was eight."

Marschalek grew to love the sport and even taught lessons for five years.

"It is a good alternative if you're not a runner or a biker," said undecided sophomore and hockey player Adam Balach. "It is good exercise. It is a total body workout."

Balach has also been skating since he was three, and he started playing hockey a few years later.

There are many positive advantages to knowing how to skate.

"When I go skate, it takes my mind off from other stuff," Balach said. "It's also a good thing to do for a date, but it's just a good activity."

Ice skating may sound intimidating at first, but Marschalek suggests some simple exercises to help get people started. "Learn how to stand up. Start by sitting on the ice. Learn how to fall properly. Learn to march across the ice so you can get used to the balance and learn how to stop."

"It won't be as challenging for people who have rollerbladed," Marschalek said. "The balance you need to achieve and the muscles you use are the same."

Also, for those who have not skated before, there is still potential for quick adaption to the new sport.

"It is hard at first," said Balach, "but once you get used to it, it doesn't take long, and it is kind of fun."

Marschalek optimistically agrees that skating should not be a strenuous, time consuming task.

"If you are older and haven't skated before, you should learn pretty fast."

For those who are looking for a new winter sport this year, perhaps ice skating would be a good thing to try.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Erin Heger

The Facts:
Volleyball, 5-6
Sophomore
Chaska, Minn.
Business

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Erin Heger received the most valuable defensive player award for the 2002 season this week. She was also voted to the Wisconsin Intercollegate Athletic Conference (WIAC) all-defensive team. With the advent of the libero into NCAA play this year, Heger wore the libero shirt for the Blue Devils and worked her way to the all-defensive team. The libero is a defensive specialist who cannot serve or attack, but can substitute at will. Heger, who transferred from St. Benedict, finished with 469 digs (3.88), ninth in the conference, and added 44 assists.

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Grab a speedo, go swimming



FITLIVING
Ann Syrstad

Swimming as a sport can be extremely casual or can involve some serious training and competition. The University of Wisconsin-Stout no longer has an actual swimming team, which leaves many students finding it difficult to get their fulfillment of competitive swimming.

Kimberly Borchardt, former competitive swimmer and junior at UW-Stout, finds it disappointing that the university no longer offers a swim team.

"I enjoy swimming a lot, but it'd be nice to have a more structured workout," Borchardt said.

As of 1992, the university no longer supports a swim team. Although many students are disappointed, most state that they still keep up with swimming. In the Johnson Fieldhouse there is a pool offering limited "open swim" hours allowing students, faculty and the community to utilize the pool.

To make swimming a part of your life, it is important to understand the time commitment and advantages.

How seriously you take your training is your own choice. Highly competitive swimmers typically train 5-6 days a week and may also carry out land-based sport-specific training. Other people may swim independently once or twice a week, moving at their own pace.

Swimming improves the condition of the heart and lungs and works both upper and lower body muscles. To swim well, a high degree of flexibility is needed. Regular swimming will help to maintain flexibility, especially in the shoulder area.

Exercising in water is also good for the back, hips, knees, ankles and feet because there is minimal stress placed on the joints.

Swimming Pool Hours

Monday
6:30 a.m. to 7:45 am
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Tuesday
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday
6:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Thursday
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Friday
6:30 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.
11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturday
12 noon-3:00 p.m.

Sunday
12 noon-3:00 p.m.

The suspension in water provides extra protection and also adds greater intensity to the workout. Buoyancy makes the exercise more comfortable for people who are overweight and for those who have leg or lower-back problems.

In addition, water exercise provides even resistance throughout each movement. To increase resistance even more, you can move faster, put paddles on your hands, flippers on your feet or use water weights. An average person swimming for just 30 minutes burns about 330 calories.

So, if you are interested in getting started with swimming, begin by setting a goal for yourself. Choose what time of day swimming fits into your schedule best, and stick to your plan. Next, try finding a friend that is also interested in giving swimming a try. Swimming with other people tends to increase motivation, it is likely that you will work harder and complete each swim.

It is also important to wear the proper swim attire. You will need a swimsuit that fits you comfortably and that will not need adjusting during exercise.

For women, a one-piece is the best bet; for men, any suit should work. Many find that wearing swim goggles helps to prevent the chlorine in the pool from getting in your eyes. Some also wear a swim cap that will help keep hair out of the way and reduce water streaming across the face when lifting one's head to breathe. Most pools also offer pull buoys, which give legs extra buoyancy, thus offering a better arm workout, and kickboards, which support your upper body during kicking exercises.

Goggles and swim caps, as well as other swim equipment, can be found at any sporting good store. Or, check out the following site: http://www.speedo.com.



courtesy of, uwstout.edu

UW-Stout hasn't had a swim team since 1992, but students can still use the campus pool.

Start out by alternately swimming and resting; swim for 30 seconds, and then rest for 30. As you get more used to a routine, gradually increase the amount of time you spend moving until you can comfortably swim for 20 to 30 minutes without rest. At that point, you can decide how much time you want to devote to your workout, although 30 minutes three times a week is enough to keep you healthy, especially if you do other exercise.

It is found that walking or jogging can be a great complement to swimming due to the fact that swimming is not weight bearing.

Once you're fit, a workout could go something like this: easy stroking for five to ten minutes to increase your heart rate, followed by 20 to 40 minutes of continuous swimming. The strokes used will depend on level of expertise and personal preference; the four main styles are backstroke, sidestroke, freestyle and breaststroke. A good routine should include more than one so that different muscle groups can be worked.

After the main workout, do about five minutes of relaxed, easy swimming to give your heart rate a chance to slow down; follow that by stretching the arms and legs. By the way, the body does sweat during an aquatic workout, so drink water before and after swimming. Consider bringing a water bottle to the pool and drink whenever resting.



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Newman students meet Thursday evenings, 5:00 p.m. At the Ministry
for dinner, conversation, exploration, and support beginning January 23.

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Growing pains for new ID's

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

Together with finding classrooms and textbooks all over again, University of Wisconsin-Stout students are struggling to make their new identification cards work.

The StoutOne cards were mailed to student's home addresses in mid-January from HigherOne, the issuing bank. All cards need to be activated online where the user goes through all options that the card has.

Despite heavy promotion across campus last semester, some cards were thrown away, sent to outdated addresses or simply not activated yet.

"Some students threw their cards away upon receipt in the mail believing that this was just another credit card," said Joe Jax, director of the library learning center.

So far, 6,209 cards have been activated out of approximately 9,200 that were issued. Eighty-nine percent have activated the optional OneAccount.

Financial aid refunds were processed on Tuesday. Printed checks will be mailed from HigherOne in Connecticut.

The StoutOne office has set up help stations equipped with computers in the student center and library to assist students with any ID card problems.

Peter Johnson, a junior in applied math who was manning the help station in the student center, said that only a few students are having problems activating the card.

"I was mad that I had to be inconvenienced by the activation process," said Angie Stumpf, a senior in graphic design. "The option I wanted was hidden under other options."

Many students are concerned about their dining accounts.

"Some students are still confused as to what the optional HigherOne account is in relation to their on-campus dining plan," said Ann Thies, director of university dining.

The HigherOne account is a checking account, while baseline and flexline remain solely on-campus accounts.

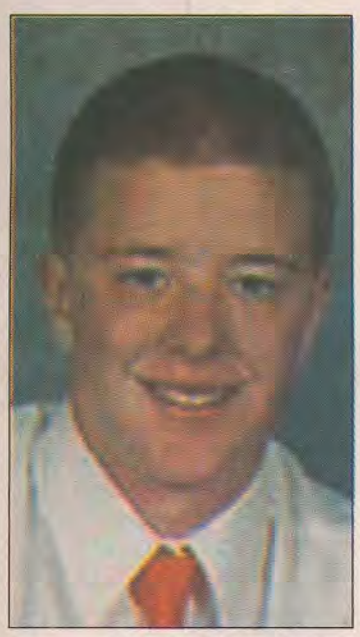
According to Joe Krier, director of budget and technical services, cards that needed to be replaced for any reason are being replaced at no charge and will be ready by the end of the week



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Since returning to campus last week, many UW-Stout students have had to seek help in activating their StoutOne identification cards. Help stations remain open through Friday.

Year in review: Bomb building reputation?



Courtesy CNN.com Archives

Luke Helder is being held in Iowa, awaiting an April trial.

Aleshia Brouwer
The Stoutonia

Last May, former University of Wisconsin-Stout student Luke Helder was arrested for the rural Midwest mailbox bombings.

With a trial coming up, the case is expected to be heard at the Iowa Northern District Court. According to the United States District Courts web page, he is scheduled to appear in court Apr. 14.

Helder was arrested at the age of 21, enrolled as a junior at UW-Stout. With bombs discovered in Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado and Texas, Helder won't likely be seen again on campus for a long time.

"The FBI served us a subpoena last spring," said John Enger of UW-Stout university relations. "We provided them with everything we could legally do."

But did UW-Stout receive a bad reputation as a school because of its connections to Helder?

"I don't think our reputation has suffered," said Enger. "Our admissions are at record highs. More people are trying to get in here than ever before."

In fact, the fall after Helder's arrest over 5,000 applications to UW-Stout were received, while less than 2,000 were accepted.

"As far as we're concerned here, there have been no repercussions," said Cynthia Gilberts, executive director of enrollment.

Speaking with potential students and parents she noticed little concern.

"It was very rare that a family would come to visit the school and bring that up," said Gilberts. "I think that people are pretty mature about it."

Not only was UW-Stout faced with one bomb incident last May, but on Nov. 22 another arrest took place in Wigen Hall. Freshman business student Jeremy Prange was arrested after 11 pipe bombs were found in his dorm room.

"There was no national coverage of that," said Enger. "They're two completely unconnected cases except for the pipe bombs."

As for prospective student interest, the incidents posed no fear.

Since last fall, admission standards have risen and applications continue to pour in, closing off many programs for next fall.

"We actually received a lot of favorable national press about how well we handled the situation," said Enger. "Now it's pretty much out of our hands."

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 33° Low 15° Snow Flurries	High 35° Low 29° Mostly Cloudy	High 43° Low 16° Rain & Snow

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Students join protest



by Christopher Loch, http://twincities.indymedia.org

As possible war in Iraq looms, protests similar to this one in Washington D.C. are taking place across the country.

Belinda Lewis
The Stoutonia

Several University of Wisconsin-Stout students attended an International A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism) protest in Washington D.C. on Jan. 18.

The protest was in conjunction with many around the world, including one held in Menomonie that attracted some 200 community members.

"People in small towns are disturbed about what the administration is doing," said Warren Lang, organizer of the local rally and former English and philosophy professor at UW-Stout.

"We had a tremendous turnout on a bitterly cold day from all around the Menomonie area."

Lang is a member of the Red Cedar Peace Initiative that sponsors many local peace events and also helped get people to go to the national protest.

The Washington D.C. protest had many Midwesterners on a bus for up to 40 hours to be included in the historic event.

Final counts of people who attended the event varied between 100,000 and 500,000.

Organizers in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Ohio and other states gathered pro-peace supporters in large numbers. About 17 busses from Wisconsin and 30 from Minnesota made the journey east.

Students went for a variety of reasons.

"There's a better way to create democracy than dropping bombs," said Robin Hougdahl, a technical communication major.

"I really felt like I needed to go for myself and for other people who would be affected by a war," said Kristen Bach, an art education major.

College students who made the trip believe the extended bus ride was worth it.

"It'd be worth a hundred-hour bus ride," said Hougdahl.

University of Wisconsin-La Crosse students filled one bus with students from organizations such as UWLaX Greens, La Crosse Student Association, the Hmong Organization Promoting Education (HOPE) and the Native American Student Association.

Tracy Littlejohn, a junior in public administration at UW-La Crosse, thought there was some organization problems with the protest, but was glad that she did what she set out to do.

For some, the war is unwanted but inevitable. Susan Dalton, a senior dietetics major active with the UW-Stout college republicans expressed concern, but is more confident since Wednesday's State of the Union Address.

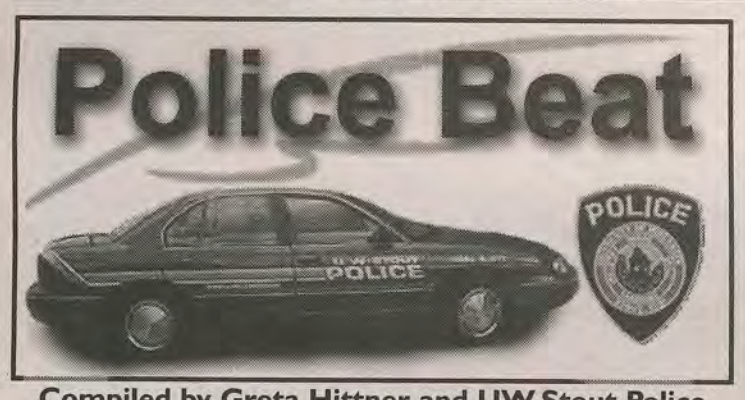
"No one likes war; no one wants to send their child to war," said Dalton.

"Sometimes for peace you have to do something not so desirable that gets the job done."

Upcoming pro-peace activities in the area include non-violence training on Feb. 8, co-sponsored by GreenSense and the Red Cedar Peace Initiative.

UW-Stout's Blue Devil Productions is planning a Throw Parties not Bombs outdoor concert by Blue Devil Productions in April.

Details can be found at http://www.wispeace.org/.



Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Spying on the boys room
A staff member reported on Dec. 10 that there were two cameras installed in the second floor Applied Arts men's restroom. He also reported that there was a device installed in the first floor men's restroom of Applied Arts. Officers removed the two cameras from the second floor restroom and determined that they were fake cameras. The device in the first floor restroom was a motion detector; however, it was not installed by UW-Stout.

Brick!
A police officer observed a vandalized car on Dec. 13. The car had its front and rear window smashed out. There was no missing property. A concrete brick was found on the driver's seat of the car. The owner of the car was notified.

Lock up the superglue
An Antrim-Froggatt hall director reported on Dec. 17 that an unknown person entered first floor Froggatt Hall and inserted superglue into the keyholes of 16 locks. The locks were completely ruined and immediately replaced by building maintenance. No one was locked in their room as a result of the vandalism.

No suspects mirrored
Three incidents of vandalism were reported between Dec. 16 and Dec. 18 in UW-Stout parking lot 4. Three students reported that the side mirrors of their cars were either damaged or kicked off. There are no witnesses or suspects at this time.

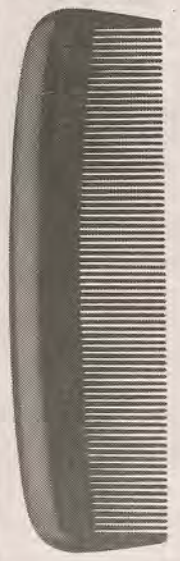
Stop picking on me
On Jan. 21 a student reported a confrontation in parking lot 39. The student was following a Honda; as the Honda slowed to make a right turn the student pulled around it to the left. The Honda then swung left, almost hitting the student's vehicle. As the student entered and then tried to exit parking lot 39, the Honda followed and blocked the exit. The student and two males riding in the Honda got out of their cars and exchanged punches. The student suffered a blow to the face and also struck the two males. The males threatened to kick his ass if they saw the student again. Police did not follow up on the incident at the student's request.

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Life's easier with One? I just want my money!

Just as the seasons change the state of a tree, so must other things in this world take change. A child grows up and eventually has a family of his or her own. A loaf of bread will eventually mold and become rotten. Each a change, each with a desireable or undesireable outcome.

As it is with any change, the changes on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus have come with mixed results.

For example, despite all the hype and the negativity that ushered in the laptop campus (including some from right here at *The Stoutonia*), the change has more or less gone well, with few long lasting effects being felt.

Perhaps that is why when the university decided to do something as minor as changing the ID cards on campus, not much resistance was expected to be met.

And the university really didn't recieve much grief from the students. That is, until we started trying to use these cards.

We all had a reason to be suspect earlier though. As we went to activate our cards, which we were reminded to do in several e-mails, we had to uncheck a box if we did not want our money to be flowed into our OneAccount.

Isn't that sort of bizarre? "Unchecking" a box? There is no where else in the world that would fly but on the internet. It's not like we are asked to unsign a check in order for it be valid.

But we can let that one go. But what about a suddenly lengthy time span for our refund checks to arrive? Just because we make a choice not to enroll in this program we are penalized?



Well, we may not be the only people feeling the change. Apparently those seeking refunds off of their OneAccounts had some fun too. In something that clearly should have been anticipated, the ATM machine in the Memorial Student Center ran out of money due to so many students withdrawing large sums of cash at once.

This isn't to say the HigherOne cards won't work down the road. It is just very clear that not all students are informed on what the cards can and cannot do, and more importantly, where exaclty their money is at any given time.

Lowered expectations for freshmen

LOLADI
Diane Wichern

We live in such a cesspool of corporate America with our (God bless them) sponsors that infest our eyes on every turn.

Thirty-one inch televisions that serve as background noise because I honestly believe I study better during the commercials to "American I-can't-believe-I'm-on-television."

We agree to lose ourselves in the surrealness of essentially living away from home in a house with 150 or so other freshmen; all of them acting under the same dreamlike state.

In that state we're allowed to run amok and wreak havoc by drinking in the dorms and having random sex. All this is not only allowed, but expected.

We walk around with our pants hypothetically around our ankles, showing our open book emotions to people we don't even know. We meet someone one night, and start sleeping with them the next without ever leaving the comforts of "home."

We find an alcoholic-induced release from our inhibitions, all just a dorm-room away. And the worst part is that all of this is expected of us.

We're expected to complain but always utilize the two-meals-a-day food plan we bought before we came here. We're expected to meet as many people as possible in the first week of college.

We're expected to make friends solely for the purpose of not being alone, and I wonder why we can never seem to be content sitting alone in a dorm.

Do we contract some horrid disease that physically destroys all hopes of a social life if we aren't going every single moment? Are the judgments of others really more important than our own sanity?

It's simple really; we literally embrace the title. We revert back into being freshmen; maybe a more mature form of freshmen, but the urges for social contact are nothing more than the hungers of our youth to be accepted.

Something about the newness of our surroundings forces us back into the box labeled "the shy one," or "the popular one" or even the "scary one." We allow our box to define how we act around the people we're supposed to be meeting on a new level; a more self-aware level.

Because we revert back into these boxes, stereotypes are placed on us afresh. Maybe they are different stereotypes; maybe people are more open-minded to changing initial judgments. Maybe we even grow out of it by the end of the first year, but I wouldn't count on it.

It seems to me that once again we are facing an internal war; a war on feeling inadequate, on becoming overly egotistic, and on our tendencies to embrace this surreal life.

Never once have I said that college is a bad experience, or unworthy of participating in. All I am saying is that this is an experience that should be taken with a grain of salt.

I have been waiting for real life to begin for most of my teenage years, and what I am beginning to realize is that real life begins for each person individually. We are each responsible for our own lives, and that means that each person must swallow the salt for themselves: vicariousness will not work here.

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Letters to the Editor

Faulty Net(workers?)

Dear Editor,

I believe it is time for someone to take some responsibility on this campus. I know it's a hard fact and especially in education it's easy to just pass the buck but things have gotten out of hand.

The problem I am griping with is something that affects nearly all of us here at Stout – our network connection. Whether you connect via dial-up off-campus, wirelessly on a park bench (or attempt to due to poor signal strength levels), or in a residence hall — we all have noticed the general slowdown of our network connection. We are told that controls are active to curb such things such as file-sharing yet the connection is still slow.

We have a giant "pipe" as we refer to it and I swear I get better speeds on my dial-up modem at home from time to time.This weekend a massive attack was spread by computers all over the world simply because the people we hire to run our networks don't upgrade the software they run. To top it off – it seems like no one in campus networking (T&N) even knew about the problem till noon on Saturday. Even as it was happening students on campus had already spotted the problem and worked out solutions. Again, this was probably all before the networking department even knew about it.

It would be right to point out that this attack on the network affects more than just web browsing but also vending machines (those card readers get their information from somewhere) as well as on-line classes. Lots of services are provided by the campus network that we use and enjoy each day without even knowing it.

As a computer person, I realize that mistakes are always made and you can't always stay on top of everything going on. It's impossible – there are SO many bugs and upgrades out there. I guess what I'm asking and what I think a lot of people would ask is to simply try a little harder. Honestly – if we were a business (which we are), how would you react to sluggish speeds and longer than average downtime?

Thank you and good luck,

Erik G Landru
UW-Stout Student

Dear Mr Landru:

While you make some rather stinging and pointed accusations, I have no reason to not believe them.

The entire world felt the effects of the virus that hit networks last week. To say the effects could have been lessened is always true, it is more of a question of how much could have been prevented and if it was a question of negligence or limited resources.

Thank you for your letter and I am hopeful that someone from the university feels obligated to respond to a concern that we all have.

Nick Coenen
Editor-in-Chief
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I'm Protesting the Peace Protestors



MYVIEW
John Harsdorf

As history has unfolded, there have been two types of civilizations, those who were the conquerors, and those who were the conquered. Through those hostile and chaotic times, there were no peace protests; the very idea of peace was merely a concept.

Peace was an idea that people dreamed of for their children's children. Currently, complex international politics and policies have changed today's world, and civilizations are no longer split into conquerors and the conquered. Instead, they are split by those who dream of real freedom and peace.

So, how is it that our country, living in our complete lack of fear and our politicized peace and love, be so ignorant of what the rest of the world endures?

We only have to look back some 60 years to the last great war we fought in. As Hitler took over more and more of Europe and executed his own citizens, we sat back and did nothing.

It was only when our sense of security was encroached upon at Pearl Harbor that we took notice of what was going on around us. It was then that we stood up to the challenges facing us, much as we did after the Sept. 11 attacks.

However, by then it was too late; the warning signs had come and gone, and we were left with a terrible tragedy. What kind of atrocity will it take for us to learn from our past mistakes, and again force us into action?

If peace is what we want, why are we so afraid to stake a claim to it for people other than ourselves? Don't Kurds in Northern Iraq have the same God given rights of having freedom from fear, persecution and the chemical weapons their own president used on them?

How is it that we can blame our own country for the loss of millions of children's lives in Iraq when Saddam has a personal wealth of over $5 billion? He is a despot who has killed, bullied and stepped on his own people for his personal gain.

As an American, I am guilty of under-appreciating the peace and freedoms that I have taken for granted all of my life. Yet to ignore the price that was paid for these freedoms, and the continued price that must be paid to preserve them would be naïve.

To idly sit by and promote peace by waving a picketing sign that blames our own government is wrong. I believe it is only promoting Saddam Hussein's evil agenda of the continued persecution and threatening of his people for his own benefit and gain.

To believe that America, a country which spend billions of dollars in foreign aid and feeds many countries less fortunate than our own, is responsible for the poverty and suffering of the Iraqi people could not be more wrong.

Time and time again our country has risen to lead the world, and has prevailed in the face of adversity. We proved this determination during the Berlin airlifts when Russia blockaded her; we freed and then fed the persecuted people of Afghanistan.

With great power comes even greater responsibility, and it is now that we must accept these challenges. It is now that we must truly live up to our responsibilities as Americans.

If war is a matter of hide-and-seek, we are all in trouble



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

After spending a whole break wallowing in my own self-pity for not being able to find a job, I decided it was time for something else. I was going to be productive.

Better than that, I wasn't just going to be productive, I was going to solve the crisis between the United States and Iraq. I didn't know how, but I was going to. Give me a break, I get bored easily.

I didn't have the money to physically go to Iraq, so I had to do research the old fashioned way: watching TV.

From Fox News, to MSNBC, to CNN, the story was the same: Iraq is hiding these weapons and when the United Nations inspectors do finally get close to the hidden stash of weapons, Iraq moves them.

Some analysts even said that it was a global game of "hide-and-seek" between the UN inspectors and Iraq.

Ultimately, it appears that our country will be going to war with Iraq. I'm not sure if I am for or against this probable war (for a list of reasons that is too long for just one article) but I do know one thing for sure. If we are willing to put lives on the line and get into a battle with what is clearly a man with no regard for anything or anyone, we better be sure.

So far, the evidence that has been shared with the public has been inconclusive at best which has led to many protests and the overall national approval of a war effort to plummet from a strong 75 percent following Sept. 11 to a meager 51 percent this past week.

While 51 percent is still a majority, I hardly consider that enough of a landslide to send troops in guns blazing. If we are going to mix it up and risk frustrating the Middle Eastern nations even more than they already are with us, then I think it is time the government lays out all the proof they have.

Back in the 1960's during the Cuban missle crisis, a similar standoff occurred. For those unfamiliar, the Soviet Union did not acknowledge that they were quickly building a missle deployment station in Cuba. Many were skeptical at best as to whether or not the Soviets were actually doing this, and it was not until the blatant evidence was laid out that the world finally saw how close destruction really was.

I feel we are very much in this position again. If the government is holding back intelligence from the United Nations, it is foolishness. If we are planning on getting in a war over presumptions, that too is foolishness.

If we are willing to take the lives of many in a nation (and yes, people are going to die, even those who do not deserve to), we need more than a "global game of hide-and-seek."

Another great term that has been thrown around a lot during these past few weeks is the need to find a "smoking gun."

The hope to find an intact stockpile of biological, chemical or nuclear weapons is complete foolishness. Anyone who has worked when an inspector comes in knows this. When the inspector comes, everything is perfect. No dirt on the floor, no mistakes. Then they leave and everything goes back to normal. Same thing in Iraq. Even if Iraq had weapons, inspectors show up, weapons are hidden and Iraq looks like a model citizen. Inspectors leave and everything is back to normal. It's not hard to fool people. It happens everyday and it always will.

Okay, so I didn't solve the war. But I did realize something. There is little difference between men and boys. The weapons and concepts may change, but the mentality is the same: control or be controlled.

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a hidden hurt



by Steve Poole and Nick Coenen, *The Stoutonia*

One unfortunate evening changes the lives of a group of friends forever

Adrienne Plant
The Stoutonia

(Statistics courtesy of the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics)

Only 5 percent of sexual assaulters/rapists will ever serve a day of jail time. If you are asking yourself how this is possible, then read on.

Just 72 percent of rapes/sexual assaults are not reported to the police. If reported, there is a 51 percent chance that an arrest will be made.

If an arrest is made, there is an 80 percent chance of prosecution. If prosecuted, there is a 58 percent chance of a felony conviction. If convicted, there is a 69 percent chance the convict will spend time in jail.

Therefore, of the reported cases, there is a 16 percent chance that the rapist/assaulter will go to prison.

These statistics may be far removed from many students on this campus. However, for University of Wisconsin-Stout student Christina Hayden, these numbers represent the path her life has taken since the early morning of Jan. 26, 2002.

In Hayden's statement given on Feb. 1, 2002 to Menomonie Police Officer Rich Biondich, on Jan. 26, 2002 she stated she was sexually assaulted by one of her closest male friends.

"I remember drinking about three shots of Vodka and had two mixed vodka drinks," Hayden stated. "I was intoxicated and tired."

According to Hayden's statement, at several times during the night, she awoke with Andy Roeder's hand rubbing her lower abdomen and inner thigh, and immediately turned away from the advances.

She awoke once more with someone on top of her, with the covers over her eyes. She felt him penetrate her vagina with his fingers and felt him begin thrusting with his penis.

When Hayden confronted Roeder, the statement made by Hayden describes Roeder's reaction as him saying, "no one had sex with me [Hayden], that I was really drunk and no one did anything to me."

Adam VanSickle's, who was also in the room that night, stated that when he asked Roeder about whether or not they had sex, Roeder said no, but there was penetration with his fingers. When asked if Hayden had given him permission to do this, Roeder said no.

When asked if he felt the sexual contact was consensual, he explained, "I don't know; she never said no, but she never said yes."

Hayden came forward with her alleged assault to her friends, many of whom were mutual friends of Roeder. It was at this time that she was made aware of a similar instance between Roeder and an anonymous female.

"She said that she would be willing to testify against Roeder in court," said Hayden, "but she had not come forward before. She did not have the support that I have had."

Hayden made the decision to press charges against Roeder.

During an interview, she described the situation by saying, "I still saw him as someone who was a friend, and I cared about what happened to his future. I had to emotionally disconnect myself from him, and see him as the man who raped me."

The district attorney, James Peterson, informed Hayden that she had established grounds to press a third degree sexual assault charge, a class D felony, against Roeder.

Hayden made the decision to move on with her life and not pursue a jury trial. She had been advised that the trial would be very emotional and she would not be able to mentally move away from the assault until it was over.

"I needed to deal with my emotions and start my healing process," said Hayden. "I did not want my college memories to be about this event, and all the effort that went into pursuing charges."

Hayden's advice to other students is be in a safe environment at all times, especially when alcohol is a factor.

"Do not be afraid to come forward because it is not your fault, said Hayden. "You did nothing wrong. Being drunk and the presence of alcohol does not make any unwanted sexual contact acceptable. It must be consensual."

More than just the winter blues

Erin Hogan-Braker
The Stoutonia

Walking through campus you glance at the anonymous young faces that pass you by. Their smiling, chatting with friends, and seemingly content with the lives they lead.

As they pass, you wonder how all these cheery faces can go by without the slightest hint of the constant feeling of hopelessness that follows you everywhere you go. Your life for the time being is emotionally unbearable and there is no hope that the endless sorrow that consumes you will ever let up.

"When your feeling down you can usually pinpoint what's wrong and dig your way our of it; but when you're depressed, it's an empty feeling of being in a hole you can't get yourself out of," said Tracy Kubalak, a sophomore apparel design student.

Hopelessness, frequent crying and a helpless feeling that things will never get better are all common signs of depression.

"Depression will be a more prolonged and intense experience," states Robin Abraham, Psy.D., counselor at the University of Wisconsin-Stout counseling center.

"There is no one source or cause that we can link to depression," said Abraham. "Some mental health experts believe the cause to be a combination of biological psychological, and social factors. But sometimes we can pinpoint it to a certain event."

Besides emotional stress, students suffering from depression here at the UW - Stout are likely to have negative consequences as a result of depression. Academic performances and student activities are put off due to the lack of motivation associated with depression.

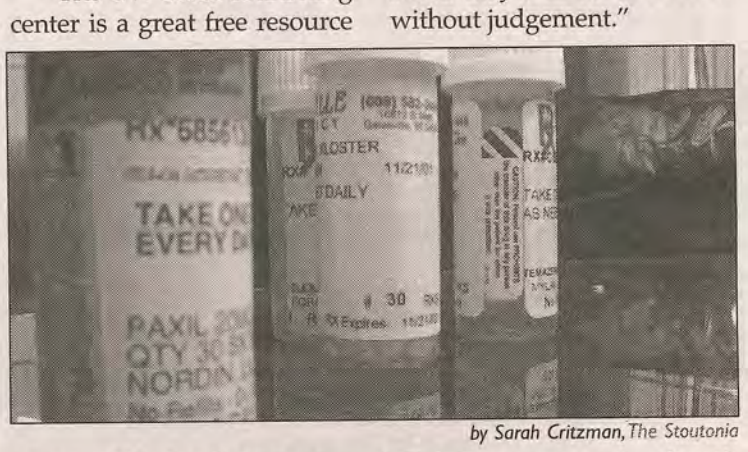
"I realize my depression when it's five a.m. and I'm piss drunk," said Layton Hanson, 20-year-old non-student. "But that's just how I deal with it."

Severe depression can take a more serious toll than skipped classes. Depression is a leading indicator of suicide. The feeling of hopelessness associated with depression may become so overwhelming that suicide seems like the easiest solution.

Talking about it is a start. If someone you know is at risk of committing suicide, merely bringing up the topic can make a huge positive difference, not plant the idea into someone's mind.

The UW-Stout counseling center is a great free resource for students to take advantage of. The staff is comprised of friendly licensed counselors and graduate school counselor trainees.

"Students can expect an atmosphere of support and understanding," said Abraham. "They can feel reassured they will be listened to without judgement."



by Sarah Critzman, *The Stoutonia*

Drugs like Paxil, Prozac, and Zoloft are brands of antidepressants that doctors may prescribe for depression.

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DRUGS A true account

of four UW-Stout students

Jack Vogt
The Stoutonia

Some people question what it would be like inside a drug user's mind.

Some fear it.

Some accept it and let it be.

Some decide they need to experience it, while others become it, the druggy.

An extensive interview was held with five students living on campus to answer those concerns. These students, whose names are changed to protect their privacy, are regular drug users.

A lot of people who use drugs do it explicitly for their entertainment and recreation, but there are people that take drugs way beyond that.

"I take them to see alternate perspectives of our present reality to what really matters" said Ted. "On drugs, you don't really see personal possessions, such as money, but rather what really matters, such as connections between people."

Many others in this select group do drugs to see things in a different light. They think that life is an experience, so they must experience it all.

"You can't talk blindly on something you don't know or understand," says Bill. "That's talking beliefs."

Most druggies know that what they are doing is harmful to their body. Many justify the harmful effects of drugs by comparing them with everyday life.

"In excess, anything such as food, carbon dioxide or even sunlight can be unhealthy," said Bill.

Others feel the harmful effects of drug use depend on the person that uses them. They feel certain people can handle drugs while other's cannot.

"People that feel threatened by the consequences of witnessing things in a different perspective should second guess the use of drugs," explains Ted.

Still others see the physical and psychological effects of drugs.

"The next day after, some drugs suck," said Clyde. "Sometimes I am just so worn out. Sometimes I may not even remember a whole week, besides my interesting classes."

Some of the psychological effects include depression, anxiety, stress and fear.

"I fear everyday of my life; a fear of incarceration because I choose a recreational activity American society has prohibited," said Raul.

They were also asked if they intended to continue using these drugs.

"I will continue to do drugs for the rest of my life, but the frequency will reduce over the next couple years," Dustin said.

the others had a different opinions when it came to how long the drug use would continue.

"I have thought about it quite a bit, and I used to be worse with my drug abuse, but I am just not ready to give all of them up, and probably won't be ready for quite some time yet," Clyde said.

The others said that they would continue their drug use until they got all they needed from drugs.

If you or anyone you know anyone is addicted to drugs and needs help, contact Arbor Place Treatment Center in Menomonie at 232-4537.

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Rocky Road

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia

At first glance, Chris Rousseau and Nathan Israiliff look like two average freshmen guys. A first impression of them may lead you to believe they are just normal university of Wisconsin-Stout students, but it's amazing what these two 18 year-olds accomplished this past summer.



Chris Rousseau pictured left
Nathan Israileff pictured right

They biked more than 1,850 miles from Sarasota, Florida to Menomonie to register for their classes.

Rousseau and Israeliff have been best friends since third grade. After deciding to attend UW-Stout together, the two were just looking for something exciting to do over the summer.

Israeliff suggested the idea of a bike ride.

"Two days later we bought bikes; we didn't even have bikes before that," Israileff said.

After six weeks of fairly extensive training, the two friends were ready for an experience of a lifetime. They began with a schedule and a general plan. Rousseau's dad joined them from Memphis to St. Louis, where big problems started to come about between the two boys.

It all began with Israeliff having problems with his bike. Rousseau's father let Isaileff take his bike and he took the problematic bike.

Israeliff, being frustrated, wore out and tired began to become hostile towards his riding companion.

Israeliff continued on the originally planned trip, while Rousseau took a different way.

Even though tempers had been flaring between the two, Rousseau felt it necessary that they ride into town together.

"We started it together; I wanted to end it with him," Rousseau said.

With Rousseau almost 100 miles ahead, Isaileff had to push even harder to make it to the finish .

At 4 p.m. on June 21 the two arrived in the city limits of Menomonie together.

These two accomplished something that most 18 year -olds don't even dream about. Even though it hurt their friendship in some ways and things may never be the way they were back in Sarasota, this was an experience that they will never forget. And it was an experience, for the most part, they had together.

Update

According to Rousseau, he and Israileff have overcome their differences from their rocky trip and have become friends again

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>Open Mic, 8 p.m., Heritage Cafe

Friday, Jan. 31
>Hockey vs. St. Scholastica 7:30 p.m.
>Gymnastics vs. UW-Oshkosh 7 p.m.
>WMMA Conference, 10 a.m., Crystal Ballroom MSC Joshua Holt
>Annual SWISS MISS Candle Light Ski, 6-9 p.m., Red Cedar Trail
>Nohawk Mike and friends, 8 p.m., Nethouse Cafe

Saturday, Feb. 1
February is Black History Month!
>Women's Basketball vs. Oshkosh, 3 p.m.
>Hockey vs UW Superior, 7:30 p.m.
>IRC trip to the Minneapolis Art Institute and the Mall of America 9 a.m.-7:30 p.m., $5, Reserve ahead: 232- 2132
>Cross Country Ski and Snowshoe Demo Day 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Hoffman Hills. info: 232-5625
>Western Wisconsin Pro-Ice Challenge Snowmobile Races, Wakanda Park, reg: 235-3294
>Greg Winkler, singer, 8:30 p.m., Acoustic Café

Sunday, Feb. 2
>FAA meeting to discuss Spring Break in NYC, 6 p.m. 235 Applied Arts
>Prudence Johnson & Dan Chouinard, 8 p.m., Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater, $12/students

Monday, Feb. 3
>American Hospitality Prof. 1st meeting, 8 p.m., Maple Room, MSC.
>Red Cedar Peace Initiative Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Resource Center 406 W. Main St.

Tuesday, Feb.4
>Diversity Program, 7 p.m., CKTO

Wednesday, Feb. 5
>Men's Basketball vs. UW-Superior 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 6
>"Mixed Blood Theater," Jackie Robinson, 7 p.m., Mabel Tainter $7/Students

Have anything to add to the Campus Calander? Send suggestions to Belinda @ Stoutonia or lewisb@uwstout.edu

Music: the universal language

Bill Denny
The Stoutonia



Courtesy of: Chuck Shepley

Around 50 members of the UW-Stout Concert Band traveled to Europe over winter break to perform holiday songs. They were well-received with numerous ovations.

As Americans we tend to forget that there is a whole world out there and we are not the only people in it. Once in a while, an experience is needed to open our eyes to realize this.

The University of Wisconsin-Stout concert band had an experience that did just that.

Under the direction of Stephanie Graber, the band toured all over Germany, giving numerous concerts for towns.

"It was more than just a tour," exclaimed Graber. "It was a life experience."

The tour consisted of about a dozen performances for crowds numbering from 300 to nearly 2,000 for a New Year's celebration in the city of Lipstadt.

"There was clapping that just wouldn't end; it really made you feel appreciated," said Nick Radzinski, a junior in food systems technology.



In fact, the clapping kept going to the point where the band literally ran out of music and had to play some songs twice. Standing ovations and countless encores made the trip truly something special for the students.

"It was such a unique and wonderful experience," said Jessica Crowley, a senior in business. "It's hard to put into words."

Indeed it wasn't all about the music on this trip. The students always remembered to stop and smell the roses.

In addition to their concerts, they toured the cities, saw the sites and did all the other normal things you would do on an international excursion.

A visit to the house of Johann Sebastian Bach was among the events that took place outside the concert hall. Touring castles and museums packed the students' schedules as well.

"People think America is old, but can you imagine being inside an 800 year-old castle?" said Graber.

Another element of the tour was that the students were able to stay with host families on their trip as opposed to bedding down in hotels every night.

"The host families were great," said Crowley. "If we had stayed in hotels, we couldn't have gotten the full experience."

Music is truly the universal language and it was certainly apparent on the trip.

The European audiences were simply amazed that people so young could be so good.

Music isn't as accessible in Europe as it is here in the U.S., where students play from grade school through college, even if they aren't majoring in the subject. They simply play for the love of it.

And that love paid off.

Even though the students couldn't speak German, and the German students couldn't speak English, they learned to communicate through their notes and rests.

The trip was undoubtedly an unparalleled experience that the UW-Stout band won't soon forget. It was more than the music; it was about the cultural experience that came with the music.

"It was truly humbling, and it made me realize there's so much more out there," said Radzinski.

No doubt, the tour was the experience of a lifetime for many of the talented young musicians.

"I'm extremely proud of the students," exclaimed Graber. "The whole trip exceeded my expectations and the kids were just wonderful."



Courtesy of: Chuck Shepley

Stephanie Graber, director of the UW-Stout Concert Band, exchanges welcoming gifts with German affiliates.

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Movie review for 2002



MOVIEREVIEW
Kim Hauschildt

Over the last few months, I have had the privilege of seeing many movies and reporting them to you, hoping to help you in your movie selections. Here is an overview of what was a flop or what was hot.

Films such as "Stealing Harvard," "Swim Fan" and "Four Feathers" did not seem to impress anyone, even with the big names next to their titles.

On the other hand, movies like "Sweet Home Alabama" and "Jackass" held up to all their hype.

In "Stealing Harvard," Tom Green proved that he can be extremely strange. I went to the movie expecting the same humor from his show and instead, experienced a bizarre film.

"Swim Fan" wasn't horrible; it just seemed to be like every other teen horror flick. It flopped because the plot wasn't really that deep, and the characters were very annoying.

"Four Feathers" had movie stars such as gorgeous Heath Ledger and Kate Hudson.

I thought going to see it would have been spectacular, but it wasn't. It was boring and dragged along. History buffs would be impressed, but everyone else seemed to be looking at their watches and yawning with distraction.

"Sweet Home Alabama" hit a homerun with girls and guys that needed a flick to go see with their date.

Reese Witherspoon plucked heart strings and made us laugh. This movie is coming to video on Feb. 4, so if anyone wants to see it again, it will soon be available.

"Jackass" was shot down by critics from the start of even hearing about making a movie based on the hit MTV show. Those critics didn't go to see it, but many other millions of Americans spent their money on this hilarious movie based around people getting hurt. Staying at number one for seven weeks, "Jackass" made its way into our hearts.

All these movies will be coming out soon on DVD or VHS.

Will you want to see them again or save your cash? I hope you make the right decision.



Courtesy of: Hollywood.com



Amanda Dobbratz

A side note for you all: I'm currently studying at Northbrook College in Worthing as an exchange student from the art and design department.

I always thought Menomonie was the windiest place on earth, but I guess I was mistaken. Worthing, England may take that title, although I'm afraid any town on the coast of the English Channel may be in equal running.

At first glance, England seems like an easy and obvious place for an American to get accustomed to.

For one thing, we speak the same language. The words don't always have the same meanings though. Someone asked me the other day if I had a roach; I thought he meant marijuana. It turns out he just wanted a bit of cardboard to act as a filter in his cigarette.

Subtleties are key.

I've found it's all the little things you would never consider important that really throw you. For instance, traffic moves the opposite way here. How many times when crossing the road do you actually stop to remember which direction traffic comes from? Try it some time; I guarantee you will confuse yourself and forget.

One time, while I was fixing breakfast, I stopped to think about which kind of utensil to eat cereal with. I ended up eating Frosted Flakes with a fork.

Anyway, what I really meant to discuss was my outing the other evening.

I was to meet a couple of people to go out to a dance club.

As I was observing the dance floor, I noticed something I don't believe I've ever witnessed before.

I saw boys dancing together, in groups.

This in itself is not a big deal. I mean, kids should be able to express themselves, but you very seldom see it in the U.S.

It just subtly drove home to me the fact that I'm not home. As much as England and America may have in common, they are really two quite different places.

I just hope I don't get hit by a car.



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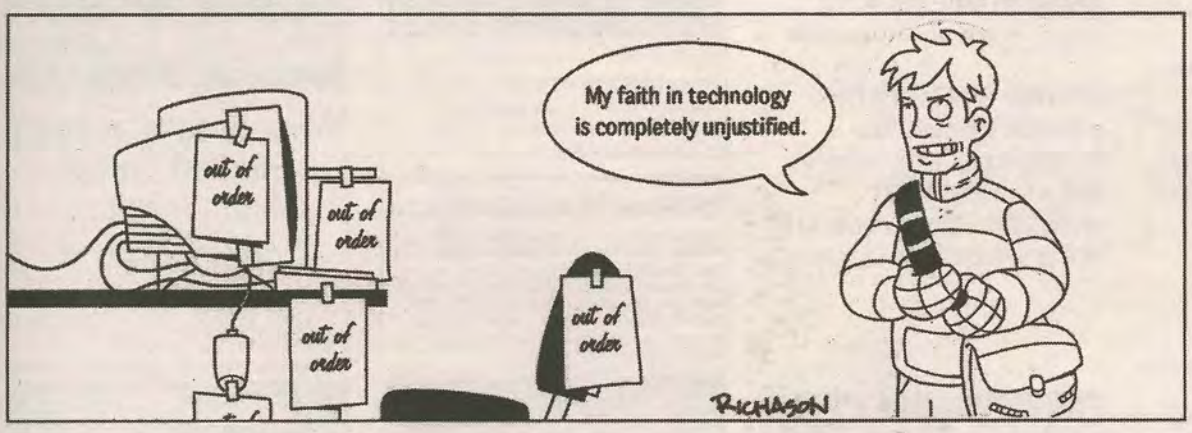
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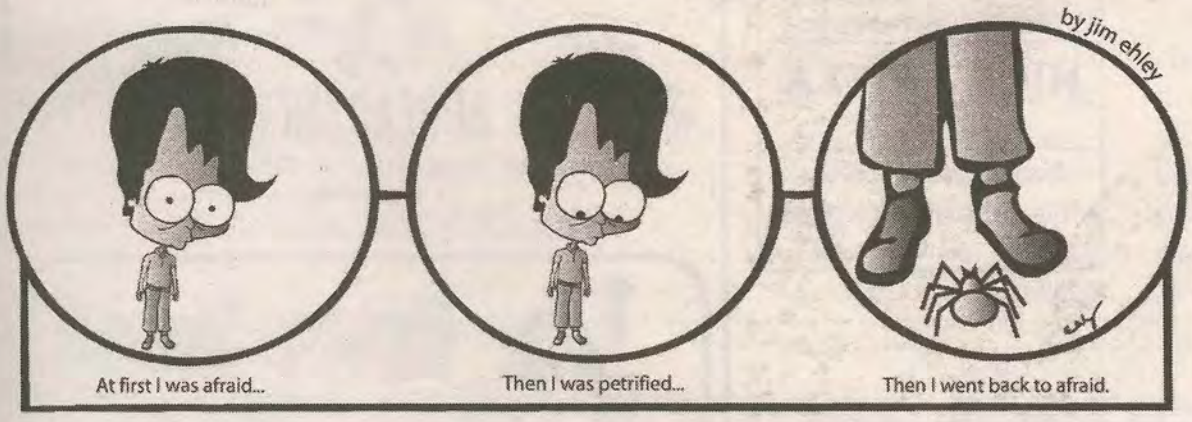
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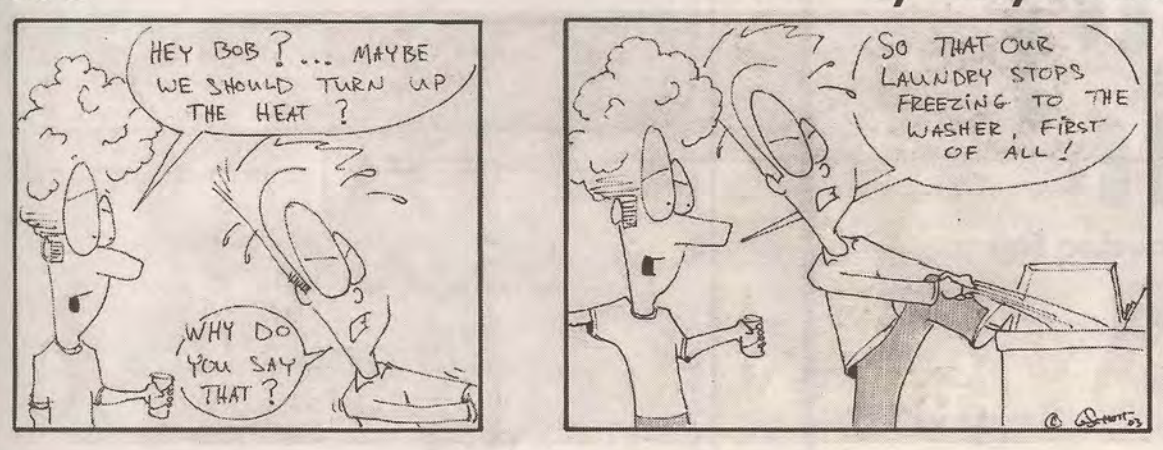
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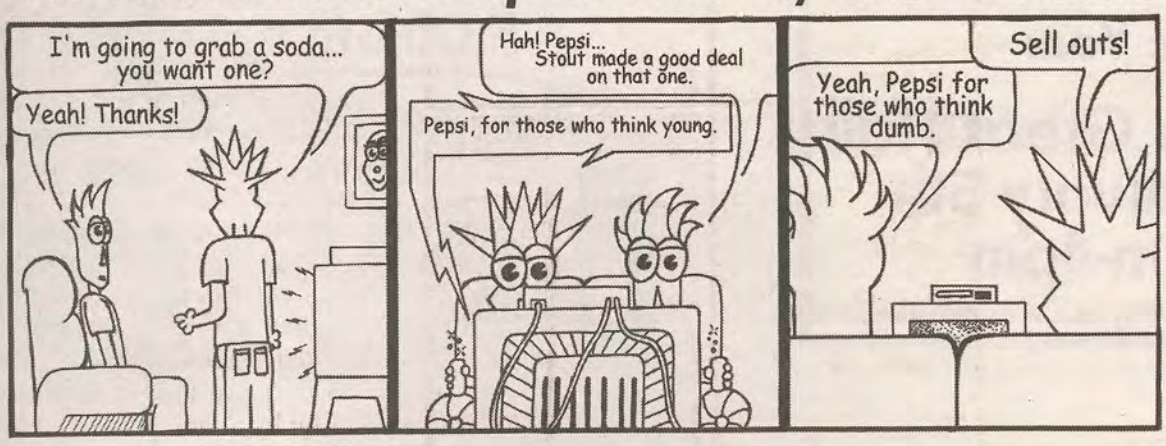
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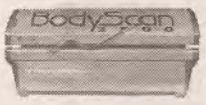
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New brew is better for you



FITLIVING
Ann Syrstad

According to a report done by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 500,000 college students are injured while under the influence of alcohol 600,000 students are assaulted, 70,000 are the victims of sexual assault, 400,000 had unsafe sex, 25 percent have academic problems, and 150,000 have alcohol-related health problems or have tried to commit suicide.

If this is actually true, www.FOXNews.com claims that these figures would make college worthy of a surgeon general's warning! Imagine that.

Not only are there harmful injuries, assaults and even deaths that involve alcohol, but it can also put on the pounds. When college students drink in excess, they are adding additional calories that result is the notorious beer belly. Maybe you have seen some around campus. It is the place where fat likes to settle first, and the last place it wants to leave.

So you want to avoid this beer belly? Well, Anheuser-Busch, Inc. recently announced their distribution of Michelob Ultra to a variety of different markets nationwide.

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Jenny Roeske, a junior majoring in graphic communications management recently tried it.

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Michelob Ultra is available in six-pack and 12-pack sloped shoulder bottles and should be found in most area liquor stores.



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BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Once a year people all over the world pause their busy lives for four hours and unite. They come together in great anticipation and hope; a time of food and celebration. They come together to watch the media's largest over-hyped event that doesn't involve UN inspectors. They watch the Super Bowl.

Unfortunately for those who saw the final football game of the season, the Super Bowl had all the excitement of a root canal. Jon Gruden became the youngest coach to win the big game in the history of the NFL, by halftime.

Tampa Bay won the Pirate Bowl because last year Gruden coached the Raiders. Oh, and the fact that the Raiders looked like they would have had trouble beating the Bengal's on Sunday, didn't help.

Rich Gannon was the league MVP this past year, but was throwing like Keanu Reeves in "The Replacements," and ended up making Dexter Jackson the Super Bowl MVP. Jerry Rice was "Mic'd Up" for the game, but had to take off his microphone, presumably so he could swear more.

The Buccaneers' quarterback, Brad Johnson, won the battle of the discarded Vikings quarterback's by throwing two touchdowns for the Buccaneer's. On the other hand, so did Gannon.

With the final score, 48-21, reflecting the overall feel of the game, I had to wonder if anyone watched the second half of the game.

I thought about giving up on the game, but three things kept me interested. The first reason I kept watching the Super Bowl was that NBC's hilarious Saturday Night Live (SNL) special ended. If you missed SNL, you probably saw Shania Twain lip-synching some of her best songs. That was the second reason I kept watching the game and the main reason I need a TiVo. Finally, I couldn't stay away from the commercials.

Budweiser started out the evening with a great spot featuring their Clydesdales and a zebra. It was a great commercial that managed to say jackass without making me think of MTV.

Ozzy and Pepsi had another version of the Pepsi Twist commercial. I expect more from a man that bit the head off a bat and relieved himself on the Alamo.

FedEx finally showed us what was in the last package from "Cast Away". Very funny idea, but why'd it take them two years to think it up?

Just one more commercial now; I've been saving the best for last. Reebok may not make the greatest athletic gear on the planet, but they had the best Super Bowl commercial of the year by far.

If you haven't seen the Terry Tate: Office Linebacker ad, do yourself a favor and watch the four minute ad at http:\\www.Reebok.com. It's probably the craziest commercial you will see in 2003, and it's only January.

There's one last thing I'd like to mention before I'm done. Poor Oakland. Their fan's rioted after the game was over. But one can safely assume the city knew that, win or lose, there was going to be a riot. Police had to use tear gas on the rioting Raider fans; like they weren't crying enough already.



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The Super Bowl blew, but thanks to Reebok and a man named Terry Tate, there is hope for next year.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Casey Chapman

The Facts:
Basketball, 6-1
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Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

University of Wisconsin-Stout guard Casey Chapman came off the bench to provide UW-Stout with a scoring spark to propel the Blue Devils into a tie for first in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC). For his efforts, Chapman was named the WIAC player of the week.

Chapman scored a career-high 27 points in an 88-79 win over the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, Jan. 22, then followed that up with 18 points in an 85-81 win at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Jan. 29.

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Blue Devils basketball excells

Curt Trnka
The Stoutonia

Basketball

While most University of Wisconsin-Stout students were on break, the men's and women's basketball teams were on the court. Both teams played well during the break and are currently ranked in the national Division III standings.

With a record of 4-4 going into the break, the men's team outplayed nearly all of their opponents and now has a record of 12-5. Anytime a team goes 8-1 is a good stretch, and it helped put the Blue Devils into the rankings on the website http://www.D3hoops.com. They are currently ranked 25th among all of the Division III teams.

The Blue Devils (12-5, 7-2 WIAC) won two overtime, come-from-behind road games last week to jump into first place for the first time in two decades this late in the season.

The Lady Devils had similar success during the winter break going 6-2 and scoring 104 points in a game on Dec. 30. Going into the break the women's team was 8-2 and now has a 14-4 record with seven conference games left to play. Seven conference games also remain on the men's schedule.

Playoff games will begin on Feb. 24 for the Lady Devils and the men's playoffs begin the following day.

Track and Field

Track and field got underway for both the men's and women's teams on Jan. 25 at the St. Mary's Invite in Winona, Minn. UW-Stout pole-vaulter Lewis Cassellius, a junior from Glenwood City, Wisc., hit an NCAA Division III provisional qualifier as the Blue Devils opened the 2003 track and field season.

Cassellius reached his first NCAA mark, winning the event and setting a St. Mary's fieldhouse record at a height of 15-feet, 1-inch. The Blue Devils left with five first place finishes in the unscored, five-team meet.

Lacey Osuldsen, a senior from Ladysmith, Wisc., picked up UW-Stout's lone first place finish as the Lady Blue Devils opened the 2003 indoor track and field season.

Osuldsen captured the top time in the 3000-meter run (11:21.90). Heidi Bedsted, a senior from Plainview, Minn., was third (11:47.90).

Both UW-Stout teams will open the home portion of their schedule at noon on Saturday, Feb. 1 when they host the University of Wisconsin-Stout Invitational.



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A nation honors fallen heroes



by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

Campus remembers

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

President George W. Bush's message was clear and direct Saturday morning.

"The Columbia is lost; there are no survivors," he said. "The crew of the shuttle Columbia did not return safely to Earth; yet we can pray that all are safely home."

Nearly 17 years to the day of the Challenger's explosion, the space shuttle Columbia exploded only minutes before its scheduled landing at Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

On board were seven astronauts, many of whom were on their first space-flight. Astronaut Laurel Clark called Racine, Wis. home, even after she moved away to pursue her education and career.

"I did not find out about the explosion until many hours after it happened, but when I did, I was in shock, and was more in shock when I found out that one of the astronauts was from Racine," said Racine native Jennifer Sonnentag, a junior in general business administration.

Out of respect for those lost, President George W. Bush ordered that the United States flag be flown at half-mast for five days.

"Watching the footage of the craft breaking up brought back all the horror and helplessness of the 1986 Challenger loss," said Christine Enger, assistant director of financial aid.

Space missions had become routine since the Challenger. If the Columbia had landed safely, it would have been back-page news.

"When things operate so smoothly for well over a decade, we begin to think that it's all business as usual," said physics lecturer Jim Rada.

The mission's purpose was to conduct more than 80 experiments while in orbit. Scientists will be able to use data that was downloaded during the flight, but physical samples are presumed lost.

Two of the experiments were being conducted in conjunction with University of Wisconsin-Madison's Wisconsin Center for Space Automation and Robotics.

Researchers at UW-Madison had worked closely with the seven shuttle members to train them in the experiments, which were expected to gain insight into biological changes of plants in microgravity.

All data from the three-year project was lost in the explosion.

"[This incident] reinforces my admiration for those women and men who put their lives on the line as they push to the very edge of scientific discovery," said Chancellor Charles Sorensen.

Memorials are sprouting up across the world, including a moment of silence for Kalpana Chawla at her college in India, where she was considered a national hero.

"I pray for comfort to their families, and the lives cut short," said Peggy Kothmann, associate professor of mathematics and computer science.

"I know, and the families know, that these brave people were doing what they loved doing and what they did best in this life."

UW programs faced with big cuts

Shanon Lehrke
The Stoutonia

Registering for classes and paying tuition this year has not been an easy feat for some University of Wisconsin-Stout students, but with the increasing state deficit and budget problems, next year may be worse.

The budget committee has come up with 10 proposals to help deal with the situation, but they are waiting for exact numbers. The committee is estimating that UW-Stout may face a possible 5-20 percent cut in state funding.

Athletics, intramurals, placement and Stout Solutions are four programs that are being looked at to be cut. These programs, along with others, are being asked to create a proposal for how the reductions would be handled if they got cuts.

"I got an assignment to figure out how to cut $65,000 in my department," said English department chair, Susan Thurin. "Well, there is only one way, and that's to cut people."

According to Stout Student Association (SSA) President Rome Cagle, academics will receive the least amount of slashing.

"Academics will be the very last thing that they cut into, but realistically there will be cuts," said Cagle.

The academic effect on students may include larger classes, decreased freshman admissions, fewer classes offered and increased tuition.

According to Cagle, increasing tuition is inevitable, but the question of how much is still unknown.

"Tuition will not be the way to make up the budget crisis, but it will go up," said Cagle.

In previous years the state has faced a structural deficit, where legislature funded operations without sufficient funds, but the state's economy would put the money back into the system. With increased spending and economic problems, this will not be the case for the next two years.

"We were able to do this because the state had a booming economy that would bail us out," said director of university relations John Enger. "Money could be collected, but the economy is not growing at this point."

David Hay, SSA director of financial affairs, places more of the budget problems on the government than the economy.

"The real issue here and now is that our government has not been and is not accountable to the people, and in operating this way our state has continually overspent," said Hay.

The budget is always run on a two-year system, called a biennium, and the UW-System's fiscal year starts Jul. 1. During the current biennium the state is in a $373 million deficit, but is projected to be about $2.6 billion this time around.

Enger gave an example as to how much of a problem the state is facing.

"If you closed every campus in the state and every prison you would save half that amount," said Enger. "That is the magnitude of this problem."

During the last budget cuts, the UW-System was forced to make up for 23 percent of the deficit, despite the fact that education only accounts for 9 percent of the state budget. Decreasing state support in Wisconsin's higher educational programs keeps adding to the budget problem because state tax dollars account for one-third of the money that is generated for UW-Stout.

"Thirty years ago, 25 percent of the state budget went to higher education," said Enger. "Now it is nine percent; see the problem? The last cut was clearly disproportionate. This time around, the governor said that everything with state funds, with a few exceptions, will be put on the table."

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New ideas to combat problem drinking

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

Last September, the city of Menomonie increased fines for underage selling and consuming of alcohol. A new initiative to reduce underage drinking at illegal house parties caused the increased fines. In the past, the fines were viewed as a cost of doing business rather than a punishment for breaking the law.

A newly formed subcommittee of the Chancellor's Coalition Addressing Problem Drinking (CCAPD) has partnered community members, university officials, city officials and students to discuss ways to combat underage and problem drinking, especially at large house parties.

According to Allen Ebel, coordinator of the University of Wisconsin-Stout alcohol and other drug education program, the subcommittee has been very enthusiastic about proposals to issue more citations at a house party bust. Any changes in current policies would be announced to the public before being enforced.

Under present conditions, house party attendees are at a low risk of being fined. Currently, only one house resident of a busted party is cited, and occasionally all residents are cited along with a random picking of underage attendants.

With time-saving technologies like card readers being proposed by the Menomonie police, ticketing all residents and attendants of a house party could become a reality. Menomonie police are also looking at portable breathalyzer tests that clear faster.

"It's not that we're trying to destroy people's fun," said Menomonie police officer Jim Jasicki. "We don't make the laws; we just enforce them."

Jasicki is also the Drug Abuse Resistance Education officer for the community. He stresses to his students the safety issues associated with heavy drinking beyond the effects of alcohol on the individual body.

Many house parties take place in a basement with one staircase exit. If a fire started from a careless cigarette smoker, injuries and even deaths would be inevitable. So many people in one place can also give sexual assaulters a certain amount of anonymity.

House parties are usually broken up after a complaint has been called in, which signals disrespect to the neighborhood. Houses that are notorious for large parties can give a neighborhood a reputation that can make it difficult to sell nearby houses to potential buyers.

Ordinance proposals being drafted by the city police include holding landowners responsible for large house parties and limiting the number of beer kegs allowed at parties.

Jasicki added that in the past he has faxed a report of a busted house party to the Internal Revenue Service since the party profits are not reported as income.

The CCAPD subcommittee has looked at the tactics being used in Winona, Minn., a college town similar to Menomonie. The committee plans on modeling their changes after Winona's example.

Winona's approach involves more than just enforcement. The community has sustained a cooperative effort by all concerned agencies.

"We still have problems, but everything's down," said Don Walski, director of security at Winona State University.

Statistics on Binge Drinking

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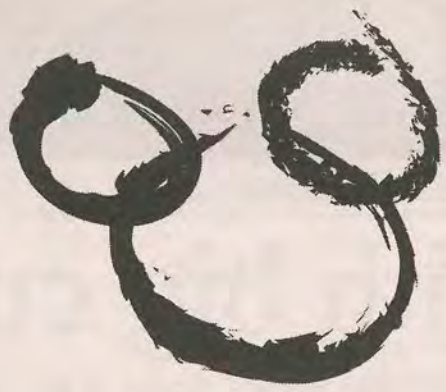
Forty percent of college students reported binge drinking at least once within two weeks of being surveyed. Of that, 31 percent were women and 52 percent were men.

Binge drinking is more prevalent among college students than non-students.

More students under 21 binge drink and have alcohol-related problems than those over 21.

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Server struck by virus

Aleshia Brouwer
The Stoutonia

ATM machines, airline tickets and computer networks were in trouble due to the massive Internet worm known as the Sapphire or Slammer.

On Saturday, Jan. 25 the entire world was affected, including the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The university's loss wasn't nearly as great compared to the entire country of Korea, where its Internet communications were paralyzed.

"The worm took advantage of a Microsoft SQL code," said Doug Wahl, director of computer services at UW-Stout. "Intermittently the Internet would be slow."

Students at UW-Stout also felt the effects. Whether trying to connect online in the student halls or campus grounds, the whole school noticed the Internet slowing down.

"I was having problems with my Internet," said Becky Peterson, undecided sophomore at UW-Stout. "It was kind of frustrating."

As the worm was unleashed, it seeped into codes of Microsoft SQL and .net software.

"We shut the Internet interface down to figure out what was happening," said Wahl.

Once a UW-Stout server was found to be infected it would be re-booted, clearing most of the problems. However, this couldn't clear out all of the bugs. It only took a couple machines to knock out the entire campus routing.

"Sometimes my Internet works really good in my room," said Peterson. "But a lot of times it's really slow and won't move around quickly."

On Monday and Tuesday a software patch was installed, hopefully clearing the end of the worm frustrations away.

"From what we did then, I don't think we'll have the problem again," said Wahl. "There hasn't been any permanent damage."

Once securing the open door into Microsoft SQL, the question arose of whether or not this could have been avoided.

According to Wahl, the Microsoft patch was actually available last summer; however, networks and systems worldwide still suffered.

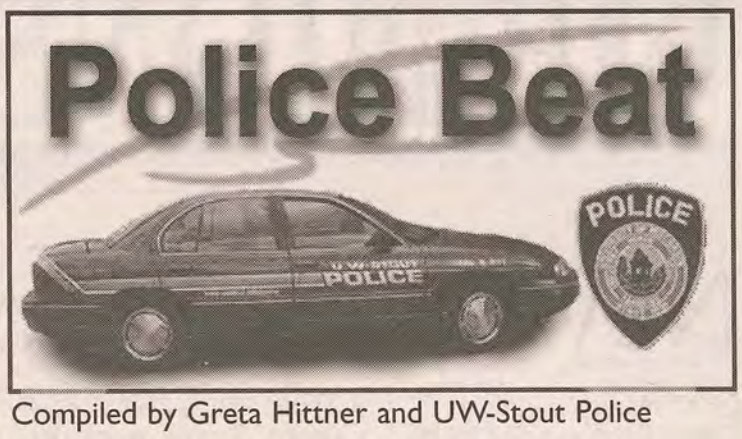
"I just hope that things would stay running smoothly," said Peterson. "I'm online a lot."

With all of the daily student online traffic, the university tries to keep up. By blocking the bandwidth allowed for file sharing programs such as KaZaa, more bandwidth should be available for academic uses.

"There is so much traffic out there, and people that try to break into the system, you wouldn't believe it," said Wahl. "The reason universities are targeted is because they have high bandwidth."

Last fall the bandwidth was increased, and students still use it up.

"I haven't had any long lasting problems with the Internet," said Peterson.



Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Seizure suffered
A Menomonie ambulance was dispatched on Jan. 29 when a person in the Environmental Human Services building reportedly suffered a seizure. The seizure lasted about 30-40 seconds, during which the person hit her face on a desk and suffered a cut below the left eye. She was transferred to the Menomonie hospital for treatment.

Once upon a fiery mattress
An officer responded to a call of a burning mattress on Jan. 31 in UW-Stout parking lot 16. The responding officer extinguished the fire, and then the Menomonie Fire Department soaked the burning mattress in water, as it was still smoldering. The mattress had tracks leading to 408 18th Ave. in Menomonie. Police questioned the residents, who were evasive and uncooperative. The three women that the police spoke with at the house are now suspects in the mattress fire.

Don't back that thing up
On Feb. 3, police were dispatched to the Merle Price Commons' loading dock for a traffic accident. A semi-trailer backing into the Merle Price Commons' loading dock struck a parked UW-Stout truck. There was no damage to the trailer of the semi; however, the smaller truck suffered significant damage. The car's front grill, headlight, hood, fender and windshield were damaged. No estimate of the damage is available at this time.

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Public has lost respect, compassion for NASA

During the early years of the space program, things were different. During those years in the 1960s, space travel was exciting and dangerous as men ventured into the beyond.

Families watched in awe across the nation as we went further and faster than we had ever imagined possible.

But now, things are different. Space shuttle trips have become as routine as the local mass transit system. With each technological advancement we shrug as if we have already "seen all there is to see."

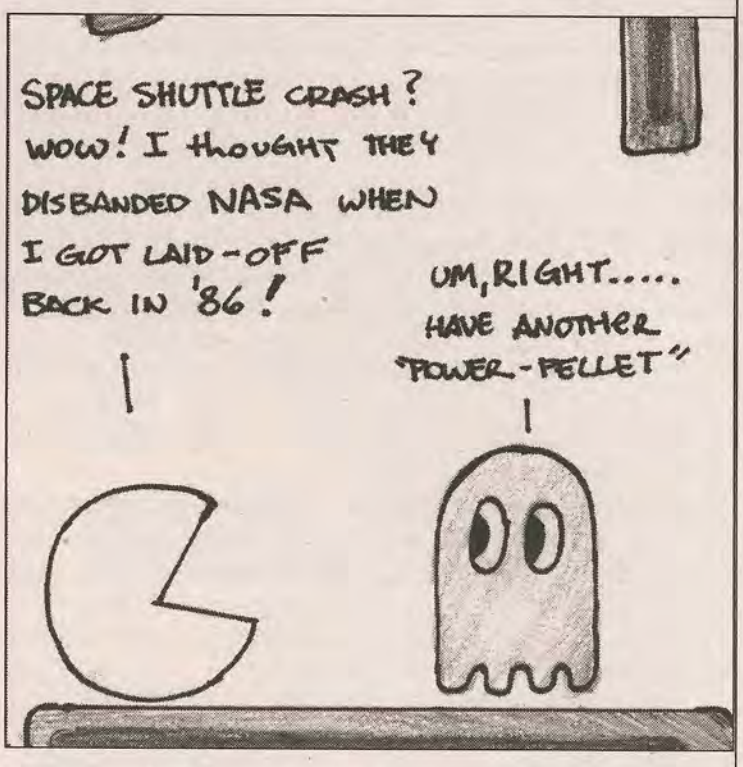
With this general disconnection from the true danger and importance of the space program and those that devote their lives to it, many people may view the Columbia disaster as little more than an accident on the highway.

As the first news came on Saturday that the space shuttle Columbia had exploded, the first reaction was not of shock and disbelief for the incredible loss. Instead, it was a rather idiotic question of whether or not this was terrorism.

We live in a nation of digital cable, high-speed internet and SUVs, so it is no shock that something as spectacular as space travel has even become mundain.

In fact, the only time the space program even made the headlines in the last year was when Russia almost sent a member of N*SYNC into space. How pathetic is that?

So now that a national tragedy has occurred, will we care more about the space program? When (and if) the next shuttle is launched, will we all huddle around the TV as if it were one of the first Apollo missions?



Of course not. We have better things to do than to watch history being made. Space travel is great for the kids, but so are dinosaurs. You eventually grow out of it, and it becomes as relevant to your life as the work of the Department of Agriculture.

It is truly sad to think that seven lives were lost in such a heroic mission with little more than forced news coverage. For the astronauts to die doing what they love is wonderful, but many of us will still let them die in vain.

The possibility of peace in our time



COMMONSENSE
John Harsdorf

The famous words "peace in our time" were part of a speech by British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain in 1938, after his return from signing a Naval Agreement with Nazi, Germany.

Chamberlain believed that through his diplomacy he had avoided war, and secured the peace and prosperity of his nation by negotiating with Hitler.

Unfortunately, those negotiations did not work, and they played perfectly into Hitler's plan of domination over Europe. Hitler successfully capitalized on France and Britain's reluctance for war, and used the peace negotiations to buy the time he needed to expand his military power into one unrivaled in the entire world.

While today's world is undoubtedly different than 1938, the similarities are frightening. Today another tyrant is allowed to roam freely; a tyrant who has murdered his own people, killed his political adversaries and is running an unchecked program to develop weapons of mass destruction.

It is frightening that this tyrant is allowed to destroy his own nation, kill the people that live there and develop dangerous weapons. Even more frightening is the fact that the world and many in our local community are willing, not only to stand by and watch him do this, but also encourage our country to allow it to continue.

Fortunately for the United States and the world, we have a leader who has learned lessons from 1938. In his State of the Union speech President Bush addressed this issue by boldly stating we can no longer negotiate with a tyrant. In the name of peace, we have given Saddam every possible chance to avoid another terrible war; this shows our restraint from using military power.

In order to ensure the validity of our actions, we appropriately got the support of the international community through the United Nations in a 15-0 vote that Iraq fully disclose all of its weapons and be disarmed.

However, as the League of Nations utterly failed, before World War II, from stopping Hitler and the formation of his destructive war-machine, we also must not fail to stop Saddam and his weapons of mass destruction. To think that he is not a threat to every student at UW-Stout is not only naïve, it is ignorance.

As Colin Powell showed the world in his address to the United Nations that only one teaspoon of anthrax was used to shut down the Nation's Capitol. We now have proof that supports Saddam having thousands of teaspoons of anthrax. This is more than enough to shut down not only our campus, but the entire country.

I truly believe that peace in our time is an attainable goal; however, it's an achievement that can not be won by protests or idleness. It is a cause that we may have to fight for, and it will definitely require our constant vigilance for its defense.

Only by confronting the evils of Hitler and Nazism were we able to conquer their threat to peace and justice around the world. Paying this price was an expensive one, but it bought us the freedoms of peace, liberty and justice that we cherish today. It brought freedoms that world leaders only realized after 1938 could not be negotiated.

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Letters to the Editor

I protest John Harsdorf

Dear Editor,

Let me start out by saying that John Harsdorf is a real genius. Saddam [Hussein] and his evil evil plans are menacing the world. Plans like, well, you know that one and the whole deal with that thing and his total evil plans.

So peace is a dream? Does that justifying bombing yet another country into the last century? Saddam used to be an ally, back when we weren't too happy with Iran. Now maybe Saddam Hussein isn't exactly the nicest person out there. There are, however, a whole bunch of people who are going to be caught in the middle, people who probably have better things to do then worry about whether the skys will open up and rain down more explosives.

War is not all the great, a lesson I learned from my father who spent a year in Viet Nam durning a conflict which lasted years, devestating a country and leaving plenty of dead bodies on both sides.

Andrew Golding
UW-Stout Student

Dear Mr. Golding:

Thank you for your letter and I'm sure that Mr. Harsdorf appreciates the feedback.

I agree that many have lost focus of the fact that many lives of innocents will be lost in a war. However, on the other side of this argument, many believe that the endless waiting may also cost many innocent lives, including those in the United States.

I personally don't know what the best course of action is and I don't think there really is a "right" answer at this point. With that said, there is little we can do but have confidence that those with all the information, our own elected officials, will do their best to make an informed and educated decision which will minimize casualties now and in the future.

Thanks again for writing and thanks for reading.

Nick Coenen
Editor-in-Chief
The Stoutonia

The ideal world as seen by 20-year-old cynics



LOLADI
Diane Wichern

Have you ever heard the expression "write like no one will read it?" Well, that is not always the easiest thing to do. For some odd reason I don't always want to write things that could hurt the people I'm friends with, but I also don't want those sporadic attitudal adjustments to influence how I perceive the world.

So for a disclaimer before I even start: take what I say with the required grain of salt.

I have a problem with this college. No matter how much I try to continue living the directions I want my life to take, the people here always seem to influence me in one form or another.

From the always annoying expression "that's gay," which I have yet to allow to slip off my tongue, to the triteness of the concerns of the girls around me, I cannot seem to escape the influence of this place.

I ate lunch today with an 18 year-old idealistic cynic and the amount of righteous pessimism that we could produce was astonishing.

We consider ourselves a cut above almost everyone else, and I'm sorry if that sounds self-centered, but idealists are elitists. We, whether consciously or subconsciously, look down and are condescending to others because we believe that we have a clearer, more precise view of reality.

We are egotistical: I freely admit that. But we are also for the most part scared of what the world would be like if people didn't have the elitist ideas that shake things up.

I work at a toy store in Madison and one of my coworkers used to talk to me about how everything original had been accomplished and how we were simply recycling ideas that had been discussed for centuries. I never knew how to respond to him until I came here and really observed the people.

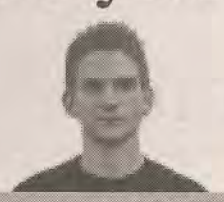
I've realized that if we didn't recycle old ideas and discuss them for hours adding our own little idiosyncrasies that might not make a difference to the course of the conversation, but certainly makes a difference internally, then people would become as two-dimensional as my coworker seemed to think originality was.

He didn't seem to understand that we need the act of processing and reprocessing this universal information in order to fully understand ourselves and our place in the society surrounding us.

I despise the ever affluent thought that our opinions do not matter. We can't make a difference, so what's the point of trying and feeling and speaking out on topics that don't directly affect us? What's the point of thinking about things we can't control?

The point is that we as the self-proclaimed thinkers of our generation don't want to let the world turn on its axis without letting our opinions on it be known, even if it's only to the cynic by our side.

Four years, 40 classes, 100+ credits and one library book



FAR FROM HOME
Nick Coenen

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As I ran my finger across the numbers of the books on the shelf, it finally dawned on me...
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After four years, about forty classes and more than 100 credits, this will be my first library book I have checked out in my college career.

What an odd time to finally have that first. When I was in high school it seemed as if I was required to check out several books each semester for this project or that. Why didn't that happen in college?

As I proceeded to check out the book, I joked with my friend who was working that this was my first book and he told me that this wasn't that uncommon.

Really? How could that be true? I thought this hold out of mine was about as amazing as my refusal to attend house parties and have casual sex. To believe that there were literally hundereds of "library virgins" out there was mind blowing.

As I walked home that day, through the gently falling snow, I tried to rationalize why many students like myself had avoided the library.

Maybe we just rely so heavily on the Internet now that we don't need those ancient books anymore. Maybe the temptation of watching another reality TV show was just too much for us to consider reading a book for our own entertainment.

Or maybe, and this is a real stretch, college is just that easy.

I think there is a reason why college has become easier and less demanding over time. As time has passed, college has become much more of a requirement for employment than just a resume builder. College has been diluted to the point of just being four more years of high school, socially and academically.

The best part is the reason why I needed to check out my book. Was it for an indepth research project or an exploration into the history of some pivotal moment in civilization?

Nope. It was for a book report. You heard me correctly, a book report. The last time I did a book report I think I was a freshman in high school and was reading Fahrenheit 451.

This isn't to say that the blame falls solely on the universities of America. In fact, I think the students are just as much to blame if not more.

If we are all honest with ourselves, when was the last time you admitted you were not being challenged in a class and were disappointed by it? Even though we are all paying a lot of money to be challenged and educated, I think many times we are really only paying for the degree, not an education.

I know that even in my own time at college I have thought, "Wow, this professor is easy. As long as I just show up, I'll probably get an A." In hindsight though, is that really how this should all work?

As I glanced over my 90-page book, it dawned on me how little I have probably learned at UW-Stout. That is, in the classroom at least. I have learned far more simply by living these past four years in places other than home.

Sure, I can run a printing press with reasonable efficiency and I can tell you what the difference is between a corrugated box and a paperboard package. Heck, I can even tell you what the social relevance of "South Park" is in the world of media. But have I really learned anything?

I never wanted to be a doctor or anything that required a prolonged education, but I do wish I would have kept growing since I left high school. At least enough so the library had more meaning than the place I pick up my textbooks.

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Freezin' for a reason

People take the plunge to raise money for Special Olympics

Missy Powell
The Stoutonia



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Spectators lined beach in Carson Park in Eau Claire, Wisc to watch the participants jump into the freezing waters of Half Moon Lake. After the plunge, the shivering jumpers raised their body temperature while they sat in hot-tubs.

When the Special Olympics chose its slogan for the 2003 Polar Plunge it couldn't have been more right according to this year's plungers. According to the many University of Wisconsin-Stout students who took the plunge on Feb. 1, they were "freezin' for a reason."

The Polar Plunge started in La Crosse, Wisc. in 1999 by law enforcement officers who wanted to not only raise money for people with cognitive disorders, but also to increase awareness.

They got their idea of doing a Polar Plunge after visiting Alaska, where at the time, polar plunging was a new and exciting idea.

According to Andrea Sullivan, director of development and volunteers at the Special Olympics, Polar Plunge participants has doubled every year since it first started, except for this year. The numbers have jumped from 200 people the first year to 750 plungers this year so far.

Sullivan stated that this year's first plunge, which started on Feb. 1, had about 1,500 spectators, 50 volunteers and 750 plungers. Eighty thousand dollars was raised which goes toward paying for competition, training and equipment for the Special Olympics.

"The money goes to coordinating all the sports events throughout the year," said Patti Knez, the office manager at the Special Olympics.

Knez pointed out that although there has not been any accidents throughout the year, safety precautions are in place.

"There are firemen and rescue squads; the sight is checked out ahead of time, and everything is roped off," said Knez.

An event like the Polar Plunge is put together with the help of donations every year from area to statewide sponsors. These sponsors donate everything from money and food, to the commercials and media coverage.

"Our expenses are not very high; incentive is the biggest expense," Knez said.

Many UW-Stout organizations took the plunge this year, including Alpha Phi, Student Construction Association (SCA) Stout Student Association (SSA) and Alpha Phi Omega (APO).

Jen Duffy, a junior in early childhood education, remarked that jumping was for a good cause.

"My best friend, Beth, works with two ladies who are cognitively disabled, so when I found out that APO was challenging people to do the Polar Plunge, I jumped at the opportunity!" said Duffy.

Duffy was one of the four people who jumped from the SSA and helped to earn $400 .

When it came to getting pledges, Duffy didn't leave any stone unturned. She asked anyone she could, knowing any offer would help the cause.

"I asked friends, family, teachers and the Dean of Students," said Duffy.

Angie Thompson, a senior in early childhood education, agrees with Duffy about why she took part in plunging.

"I thought it was for a good cause and a good thing to help out with," she remarked.

UW-Stout students were not the only people willing to jump into the freezing water. Among the plungers was Chris Larson representing TV-13.

Larson's reasons were somewhat different then Duffy and Thompson's.

"It was on one of those life lists, like jumping out of an airplane, jumping into freezing water," Larson said.

Larson suggested that most people should just do it to say that they did.

"I've done worse, but this ranks up in the top five," said Larson.

One thing that Duffy, Thompson and Larson have in common is they expected it to be cold.

"It was freezing cold; very exhilarating at first and then I was exhausted," Duffy added. "One of the craziest things I've done, but I'd do it again!"

Thompson, on the other hand, was not too sure.

"It was a little too cold for me!" she said.

Larson had plans of swimming around and showing off, but those soon faded.

"As soon as I got in I realized how cold it was, grabbed my hat and got out!"she said.

For those who are too chicken to plunge, Sullivan and Knez suggest volunteering.

"Special Olympics is a year round activity," she said.

Sullivan added that volunteers are always needed and that only a few hours of help could make the volunteers the greatest people in the world.

Sullivan pointed out that there are many upcoming competitions including one at UW-Stout on Mar. 8.

"Anyone who comes to competitions walks away with a great appreciation with what people with cognitive disorders can do," Sullivan said. "When you see it, you're absolutely amazed."

(For more information on Special Olympics visit http://www.specialolympicswisconsin.org).

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Those taking winterm can't catch a break

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia

Students earn credits while the rest of their peers enjoy a winter break

Come late December, most students pack up and go home for a month-long break of holiday activities, time with family and catching up with old friends. But others bare down and put their nose to the grindstone in a special winter class called winterm. These are courses that are usually offered during a normal semester, but condensed into a few weeks.

Students decide to take a winterm course for a variety of reasons.

"I thought it was a good opportunity to get more credits out of the way," said Alyssa Nelson, a sophomore in technical communications, who took exploring technology over winterm. "I don't really do much over winter break anyway."

Most students would agree with Nelson. Taking a winterm course helps accomplish classes quickly.

"It's quick and painless," said John Reposa, a senior in telecommunications. "It's an easy way to get hard classes knocked out of the way in a hurry."

A variety of courses are offered over winterm for students who are playing catch up or just want to get ahead.

Depending on the course a student is taking, winterm courses can be a lot of hard work. Some students spend up to eight hours a day for four weeks just to complete one three-credit course, but others only spend four hours a day for a week to get their course completed. Like every class, students also spend many hours outside of class studying.

"I took it so I could advance to the next class," said Reposa. "For example, I took Cisco 2 for winterm so I could take Cisco 3 and 4 for the next semester."

Although the same credits can be earned in a semester-long class, the curriculum is set up differently in a winterm class.

"The only difference in work for students in a winterm class is the condensed nature of the course," said Judy Rommel, a professor who taught a course on divorce, single parent, and remarried families. "The work load takes place in a shorter period of time."

There are advantages and disadvantages of taking a winterm course, but opinions may vary from student to student.

"In winterm, students are able to concentrate on one subject matter and focus their energy on related tasks for one class," said Rommel. " Recall of previous material in the class is better in winterm because the time is shorter."

Most students would agree with Rommel.

"I thought my class was pretty easy, but so much information was crammed into a short time, so sometimes it was stressful," Nelson said.

Nelson's course was worth one credit and lasted for a week, while the class that Rommel taught was worth three credits.

"If I would have taken it during the regular semester, I think it would have been a lot more work," Nelson said. "It was worth the one credit though."

Students who don't have plans over winter break can look into what classes are offered. Summer break is also an option to take fast courses to earn extra credits.

"Winterm is the best for getting ahead because it's already cold outside and there isn't much to do anyway," said Reposa. "It's better than the summer because I'm sure no one wants to be in a classroom when it's nice and warm outside, especially when you could be tubing down the river."

> "So much information was crammed in a short time, sometimes it was stressful."
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> **Alyssa Nelson**
> *soph., technical communication*

"Go ahead and eat up the dirt I throw at you!"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

As much as I love journalism, it definitely has its dark side.

Researching and interviewing people for a story is sometimes the best part of reporting. Not only does it give me the chance to be informed on many different subjects, but I also get to tell the story to everyone who reads the paper.

With all of the digging it takes to tell the story, I sometimes run across information that I would have rather remained oblivious to. The cliched phrase, ignorance is bliss, is a novel idea, but my job is to dig up any dirt I can find.

There is a truth behind every subject that often remains hidden to the public; in some cases, desperately buried to mask a seemingly flawless organization or company. Uncovered, it compromises the reputation and maybe even the integrity of those involved.

Not every untold detail reveals a scandal worthy of front page news, but if it affects even one person it is newsworthy. A candy-coated image is projected to the public when organizations and companies disclose only certain information. A journalist tries to reveal any skeletons in order for the public to decide the credibility of the company or organization.

In a time of crisis, a company will release as little information as possible to sustain the primal curiosity of the public. To keep an image of perfection they say that they are looking into the matter, but fail to admit to a problem.

Any organization or company has a public relations director, a very important asset to upkeep a good reputation. They answer all questions from the public and media.

They do a great job of saying a lot without really saying anything.

Many think of the media as blood thirsty hounds, out for a story to destroy reputations, but the public feeds on any dirt that is thrown at them.

Gossip is not left behind after high school; it can be found everywhere whether you are ready for it or not.

The Fake News

Stoutonia loses Terry Tate to Reebok

Frosty Snowperson
The Stoutonia

Sports Editor learns why Office Linebacker means better business

Thanks to Reebok's new ad campaign, a star has been born. But before Terry Tate worked for Fletcher & Son's he worked at the University of Wisconsin-Stout student newspaper. "Terrible" Terry Tate was the "Stoutonia Office Linebacker."

"We're gonna miss him," said editor-in-chief Nick Coenen. "He was the greatest motivator our office has ever seen. I think it's because of his work ethic, but some say it's because of the time he collapsed Curt (Trnka's) lung because he wasn't covering enough campus sports."

During his brief stint with the Stoutonia, Tate was able to put up some impressive numbers. In his one semester of work Tate attended every meeting and production night and left with over 1,700 tackles, three broken legs and one collapsed lung.



Top: Trnka flies across the Stoutonia office in what was nearly a career ending injury.

Right: Tate celebrates Trnka's collapsed lung.

"Everyone thinks I hate Terry," said Trnka, the sports editor. "But what he did for me was amazing. Without his strong guidance I might never have found the work ethic needed to survive in the college newspaper game."

With only one semester to impart his firm belief in good, hard work on the staff, Tate had a game plan set out.

"You gotta bring the pain if you wanna win the game, baby!" Tate said in a phone interview from Fletcher & Son's. "If one of those fools (writers) wasn't doin' outstanding work, then I knew I had failed, but I could change it, baby! I brought the "Pain Train" to Stout and got the lazy punks out!"

Results of Tate's semester can still be seen.

"We actually all get together and do stretches now," said photo editor Russ Bowers. "I don't know about anyone else, but I think we're all scared that if we stop doing the warm-ups Terry's gonna show up and level some poor bastard."

Coenen added that, "If we hadn't had Terry pushing us the whole way, there's a chance they might have taken away the Baldridge award. Scary, I know."

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Campus Slant

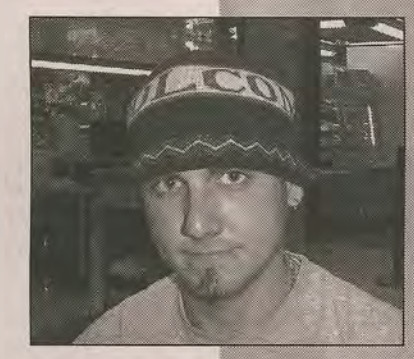


"A poppy because she's a fix."
~Chad Narva,
soph., hotel, restaurant and tourism management



"A forget me not because he will forget me not"
~Carrie Schoon
soph., early childhood development

If you could name a flower after your sweetheart, what would it be?



"A venus fly trap."
~Mitch Wagner
sr., graphic design

"Calalilly because it's soft and sensual."
~Mary Trone
jr., psychology



Next Week:

What would you do if you found a severed ear on the ground?

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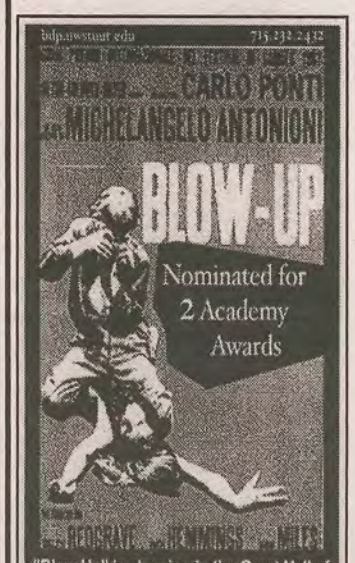
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Who holds the Oscar



OSCAR PREDICTIONS
Bill Denney

The Oscar race has officially begun, and with the huge ambush of high quality films recently released, this year could prove to be as tight a race as any. Official nominations come out Feb. 11, and the awards show takes place on Mar. 23. Here's my preview for what you might be able to expect from the academy this year.

Starting with best picture, it looks to be a three-way race for the golden guy. The winners of best picture awards at the Golden Globes, "Chicago" and "The Hours," look to be the two top runners.



I'd like to see "Chicago" win. It's truly a great achievement and is an ode to the art of filmmaking. It's just as good, in fact, I believe better, than "Cabaret," "Oliver" and "Gigi," all musicals that have won best picture in the past.

Not making quite the stir that "Chicago" has so far, "The Hours" will be riding its Golden Globe win to a nomination and possible win in this category.

Look for the Jack Nicholson drama "About Schmidt" and the epic fantasy "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers" to also be nominated.

"Adaptation" could be a dark horse and "Gangs of New York" could post a sympathy vote for all the problems that were encountered during production. The fact that Martin Scorsese has never won a best director Oscar could also help boost the film's possibility for a nod. Very rarely does a director win his category and his movie isn't even nominated. My pick: "Chicago."

Martin Scorsese will almost undoubtedly win the best director Oscar. Though it would be an undeserved win, the academy has a tendency to go back on past mistakes and try to correct them. In the process, they give awards to people who should have won them two or three years ago.

Scorsese should be nominated for best director along with Peter Jackson for his unbelievable achievement in the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy, but the same rule applies for him as for the film this

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Salsa dancing puts heat in beat

Erin Hogan-Braker
The Stoutonia

Ahhh...memories of high school ballroom dancing class. Those days were filled with the eagerness to learn to cha-cha and line dance, or maybe it was the anticipation of having the chance to dance with the hottie you were too chicken to meet elsewhere.

Set in an overused public school cafeteria, dreams of gliding on a cloud during third period were dashed. Despite all this, University of Wisconsin-Stout students decided to give salsa dancing another chance.

On Monday nights at 6:30 p.m., there's a strange phenomenon occurring in the crystal ballroom at UW-Stout. A crowd of about 30 eager students arrived to partake in a little salsa dancing.

"I heard about it through email," said Emil Meindl, a sophomore in technical communication.

Meindl was in luck; of those 30 people, he was one of a handful of guys. The booty shaking ladies were all his.

Class started when the boom box cranked out the Latin tunes. Instructions were very informal and easy to follow. Students came for different reasons and danced at different skill levels.

"I'm here to settle a cha-cha feud," said Lindsey Payne, a sophomore in engineering technology.

Half an hour into lessons, everyone was laughing and twirling around like pros.

Salsa lessons will be taking place again on Mon., Feb. 10 and 17. And the bonus for attending? Salsa-goers can take part in a yet-to-be-scheduled bus trip to the Quest Club in St. Paul, Minn. for the club's official salsa night.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

UW-Stout students learned about the art of salsa dancing last Monday. The lessons are also available Feb. 10 and 16.

After one lesson in the crystal ballroom, participants will have a good idea of what to do on the dance floor.

"I had a great time, but there definitely needs to be some more guys," said Lindsey Bennet, a senior in art education. "They need to learn how to shake their hips, too."

The 411

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Thursday, Feb. 6
>7 p.m., **"Mixed Blood Theater,"** Jackie Robinson, Mabel Tainter, $7/Students
>8 p.m., **Robert Strong, Trickster,** Huff's

Friday, Feb. 7
>4 p.m., Men's/Women's Track & Field host Pentangular
>6:30 & 8 p.m., **Sushi Burgers**, Huff's, $4
>11 p.m., **Triad**, Mr. Heavy's, 21+

Saturday, Feb. 8
>All day, **KLB Ice Softball**, Lake Menomin, register: 231-4346
>9 a.m.-4 p.m., **Non-Violence Training**, Ballroom A, register: www.wispeace.org
>6:30 & 8 p.m., **Sushi Burgers**, Huff's, $4
>8:30 p.m., **Jeff Ray**, acoustic singer, Acoustic Café

Sunday, Feb. 9
>KLB Ice Softball conclusion/championship, Lake Menomin

Monday, Feb. 10
>6 p.m., **Thomas Heiman, singer**, GreenSense meeting, Badger Room, MSC
>6:30 p.m., **UNDER MILK WOOD auditions**, Harvey Hall Theatre
>7 p.m., **Blow Up Foreign Film Series**, Great Hall, free

Tuesday, Feb.11
>6:30 p.m., **UNDER MILK WOOD auditions**, Harvey Hall Theatre
>7:30 p.m., **Alica**, speaker on relationships, Great Hall, free
>Commons & Tainter **"Night in New York"**

Wednesday, Feb. 12
>5 p.m., **Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism & the Future**, speaker, Great Hall
>5-6 p.m., **Informational Amateur Radio meeting**, 213 Fryklund Hall
>7 p.m., **Europe and the World on 84 Cents a Day**, Huff's
>7 p.m., **Women's Basketball** vs. UW-La Crosse

Thursday, Feb. 13
>7:30 p.m., **Date Auction,** Huff's
>Noon-1 p.m., **Cross Country Skiing Workshop**, 56 Johnson Fieldhouse

Have anything to add to the Campus Calander? Send suggestions to Belinda @ Stoutonia or lewisb@uwstout.edu

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Design show builds hopes

Erin Hogan-Braker
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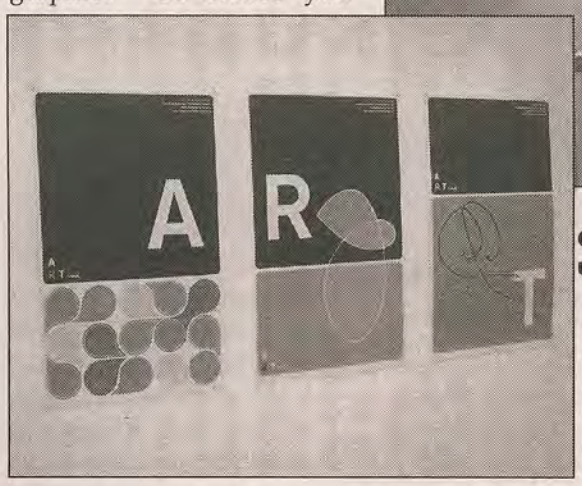
If you have talked to any recent graduates of University of Wisconsin-Stout's graphic design program, they probably will not be relaying stories to you of long days at the office and exciting new career opportunities. They are probably reclining on a beat-up sofa somewhere in an apartment off Hennepin Avenue waiting for the weather and the job market to look a little brighter.

Blame the economy, not UW-Stout's art and design department for the current jobless state of young graphic designers. The Furlong Gallery has brought Bleed Lead Kern to remind students about the possibilities in the field of graphic design.

The show highlights 25 designers from the United States, Europe and Korea. The stable of designers has been hand picked by the graphic design faculty.

"All the work that has been done is contemporary in terms of being recently completed," said Chad Reichert, assistant professor of art and design at UW-Stout.

Many of the artists displayed are notorious in their field. Has anyone seen a tee shirt with the "I (heart) NY" graphic? Of course you have, especially in today's world of over-marketed tragedy. Milton Glaser is the man behind that design; though not his most exciting work, two of his posters are included in this exhibit.





by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Graphic design and typography works are being displayed in the Furlong Gallery until Feb. 13. The collection includes works from 25 designers in three countries.

"Very dynamic," said Jack Zellner, senior lecturer of the exhibit. "There's a lot of different professional work to look at."

Alongside student works is more famous designers like the work of Joel Templin, a UW-Stout graduate, with a successful design firm in San Francisco. Templin's posters hanging in Furlong Gallery can be viewed as a beacon of hope for any unemployed graphics graduates still warming the sofa.

"It's a great opportunity for Stout to have this show and expose students and the general public to world class typography and graphic design," said Reichert.

Even flipping through a catalog, whose purpose is to sell paper, becomes interesting.

"Twenty-first century typography is a reflection of animation techniques coming from the influence of Japanese comics as well as a retro look at 19th century posters," said Mary Evelynn Sorrell, curator of the Furlong Gallery.

Bleed Lead Kern will be at the Fulong Gallery until Feb. 13.

The circus is making a stop at Stout



Courtesy of: www.makeitsoproductions.org

Sticking fire down his throat is one of many tricks Robert Strong, a magician, is known to perform for his nation-wide audiences.

Matt Schubbe
The Stoutonia

Most people probably wouldn't recognize the name Robert Strong if they heard it, but would probably recognize the places Strong has performed at.

His award-winning comedy, magic and juggling skills have been seen all over the nation in such prestigious locations as The White House, The Floor of the U.S. Congress and large companies including IBM and AT&T.

Strong is not only gifted as a magician and juggler, but he is also skilled as an escape artist, fire eater, and even a pick-pocket--just for entertainment.

Strong's critically acclaimed skills have come from years of training in such esteemed organizations as Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey.

According to his website, http://www.strongentertainment.com, these skills have not gone unnoticed.

Students here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout seem interested in the unique performances by Strong.

"I always like to find new ways to entertain my friends in my free time," said Ryan Tofteland, a freshman majoring in construction. "I'm looking forward to bringing my friends to see Robert Strong because anyone who can stick fire down his throat is pretty cool to me."

Other students are not even aware that such a diverse performer will be appearing at UW-Stout.

"I haven't really heard much about him until just now, but it seems like something that would interest me," said Brian Appeldoorn, a freshman in service management.

Strong will be appearing in the Blue Devil Productions (BDP) Lounge events series at Huff's in the Memorial Student Center on Thurs., Feb. 6 at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

"We booked him because we need more comedy events on campus," said Bitsy Hansen, executive producer for BDP. "We thought people would enjoy him."

BDP discovered the magician at the National Association for Campus Activities (NACA), an event that is used to aid colleges in booking entertainment acts. They were sold on him very quickly.

"We all laughed ourselves silly," said Hansen.

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Oscar / tune in to find out who takes the gold

year. Stephen Daldry, Rob Marshall and Alexander Payne should round out the five nominations for their work on "The Hours," "Chicago" and "About Schmidt," respectively. My pick: Martin Scorsese.

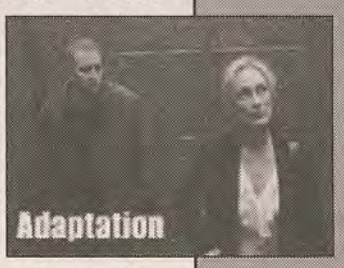
Best actor will be one of the most interesting categories this year. Four men are nearly guaranteed a nod while three others will have it out for the fifth slot. Jack Nicholson for "About Schmidt," Daniel Day-Lewis for "Gangs of New York," Richard Gere for "Chicago" and Adrien Brody for "The Pianist" are locked in, and these four will have at it for the win.

As for the fifth slot, Nicolas Cage, Michael Caine and Leonardo DiCaprio all have an equal chance for the nomination for their work in "Adaptation, "The Quiet American" and "Catch Me If You Can." I give it to Cage.

Let's not forget about Eminem's performance in "8 Mile." The film's release date could hurt his chances as many new, big budget, big publicity flicks have been recently thrust to the forefront of the race.

Nicole Kidman will most likely be up again for another try in the best actress category after losing to Halle Berry last year. Look for Renee Zellweger to join her for her role in "Chicago" along with Salma Hayek and Diane Lane for "Frida" and "Unfaithful." Meryl Streep will also get a nod for "The Hours." Julianne Moore could make an appearance; however, split votes from her two great performances this year in "Far From Heaven" and "The Hours" will keep her out. Michelle Pfeiffer could fly in under the radar as well for "White Oleander." My pick: Nicole Kidman.





The 75th Annual Academy Awards

March 23, 2003
7:30 p.m.
on ABC





As for the supporting actress category, joining Catherine Zeta-Jones will most likely be Meryl Streep in her second nomination, this time for "Adaptation."

Queen Latifah should also get a nod for her portrayal of the women's prison warden in "Chicago."

Kathy Bates will get props for her performance in "About Schmidt" and Cameron Diaz will probably sneak her way in there as "Gangs of New York" racks up more sympathy nominations. My pick: Streep as "Chicago" gets totally snubbed in the acting categories.

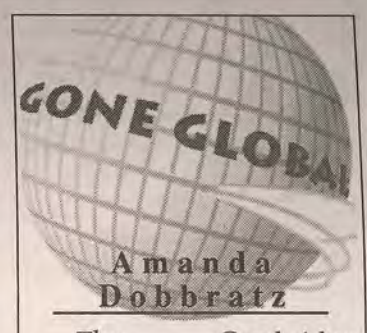
The best supporting actor nominations should follow the same suit as the Golden Globes, with Chris Cooper and Ed Harris leading the way for "Adaptation" and "The Hours." Following closely should be Paul Newman for the summer hit "Road to Perdition" and Dennis Quaid for "Far From Heaven."

John C. Reilly will be nominated, but for what movie is anyone's guess. I think he will be nominated for "Chicago" as his "Mr. Cellophane" number delighted audiences nationwide and will most likely delight the academy enough to give him the go ahead. My pick: Ed Harris in "The Hours."

In the smaller categories, "Adaptation" will get a screenplay Oscar, and it should be a three-way battle between "The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers," "Star Wars Episode II: Attack of the Clones" and "Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets" for the technical awards.

In foreign language, look for the Canadian film "Atanarjuat: The Fast Runner," the Spanish "Talk to Her" and Brazil's "City of God" to battle it out. U2 will walk away with best original song for "The Hands That Built America" featured in "Gangs of New York."

Those are my picks and I'll stand by them until the nominations are announced Feb. 11. Tune in to find out the winners on Sun., Mar. 23, at 7:30 p.m. on ABC. That's Chicago babe!



Amanda Dobbratz

The Cambridge International Dictionary of English defines the word brave as: fearless, showing no fear of dangerous or difficult things. This term is most often applied to those who have in some way risked their lives due to belief in some great and esoteric cause.

I have recently joined the ranks of those fabled few, thus dubbed brave. What was my feat, you ask? Have I rescued a kitten from a tree? Did I save an old woman from a mugging?

No, my friends, I rode the train by myself, to a city whose geographical layout I am not familiar with. Do not scoff at this accomplishment; I can hear your jests ringing 'cross the ocean.

I'll stop with all this false language now.

Seriously though, it required great gumption on my part to remedy this situation. What situation? The one that consists of myself, sitting around my flat, watching BBC drama... every night.

Why do I do this? Because I'm scared; cowardly and scared, which is maybe the same thing.

Each time I venture outside my flat, my inner monologue makes plans for future explorations and excursions. My little chicken heart, however, keeps my feet on the direct path to my destination.

My yellow belly says to my monologue, "Oh, we'll do that next weekend. For now let's just stay in Worthing."

As you can see my stomach has appropriated the royal we.

So, in an effort to combat these cowardly inhibitors, I began to go out to coffee houses and curry shops. I built up slowly to riding the train to Brighton, which is an accomplishment I feel I have good reason to take pride in.

Mark my words friends; this is only the beginning.

Don't forget to watch the Oscars!

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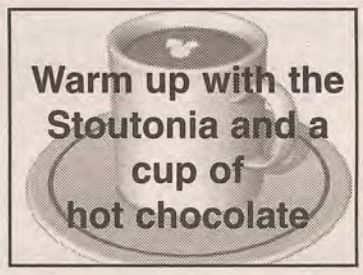


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Reviewing the week in sports

Rebecca Werner
The Stoutonia

Men's Hockey

On Saturday Feb. 1, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils lost to the defending national champion University of Wisconsin-Superior 4-2.

However, the team did not leave without some success. Junior goalie Jeff Dotson recorded 47 saves. Dotson stopped 19 shots in the first period, 12 in the second and 16 in the third.

In the second period, UW-Stout was behind by two goals when junior Dan Winkler scored his first goal of the season assisted by freshman Curt Caverly.

Thirty-four seconds into the third period, Winkler tied the score with another goal, this time he was assisted by junior Nate Legler. UW-Superior came back to score the last two points of the game.

The Blue Devils will end their season this weekend by playing No. 1 ranked St. Norbert University on Friday Feb. 7 and then to Lake Forrest College on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Gymnastics

On Friday, Jan. 31 the UW-Stout's gymnastics team competed against the University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh in Menomonie.

Blue Devil freshman Cassie Johnston took 1st place on the uneven bars, while breaking her personal best record. Jennifer Rosinsky, a junior, placed 2nd on the vault, and also posted a personal best.

Other high scorers were sophomore Lacey Schroedl who placed 3rd on the bars and 4th on the balance beam, and senior Tiffany Reber and freshmen Helen Pansch who tied for third in on the floor exercise.

Reber also took 4th on the vault and freshmen Shanna Kissinger was 4th on the bars.

The competition ended with Oshkosh earning 177.175 points and UW-Stout earning 173.625.

UW-Stout will be traveling to University of Wisconsin-La Crosse on Feb. 7 to participate in the Gershon Invitational.

Men's Basketball

On Saturday, Feb. 1 the UW-Stout men's basketball team was defeated by UW-Oshkosh 88-64.

At halftime UW-Stout was right behind UW-Oshkosh 38-32.

Halfway through the second period the Blue Devils narrowed the gap and go within five points with a score of 51-47.

After that, the Titan's came back taking over a 20 point lead and concluding the game.

Some high scorers for UW-Stout that day were junior Andy Bray who scored 16 points, also in that game the BlueDevils got 13 points from junior Jeff Vandenberghe, 12 points from Casey Chapman and 11 points from freshmen Nate Severson.

Individual Records

Junior Mitch Kellin helped his team to its first Northern Collegiate Hockey Association win of the season.

Kellin was named NCHA player of the week. He scored two goals in Stout's 6-5 win over UW-Eau Claire and scored one goal in a 6-4 loss to University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

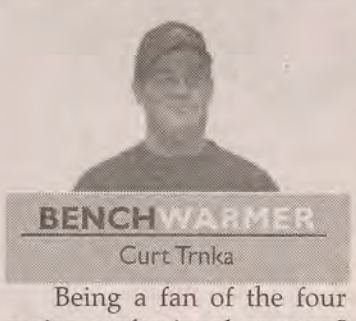
UW-Stout's sophomore guard Casey Chapman motivated the Blue Devils to a tie for first in the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC). Because of his performance Chapman was named WIAC player of the week last week..



courtesy of, *Sporting Information*

The gymnastics team is off to a good start. With m any high scoring performer's these ladies have success ahead.

Packers the best team



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Being a fan of the four major professional sports, I was excited to see that ESPN The Magazine had ranked all 121 teams in the four leagues. So which team reigns supreme? Here's a hint. It's a team that's owned by fans and located in Green Bay.

After the Packers embarrassing playoff loss to the Falcons, Packer fans can take some solace in the rankings. In the "Ultimate Standings" Feb. 3 article, the Packers are head and shoulders above the rest in the eight grading criteria. The criteria includes bang for the buck, fan relations, ownership, affordability, Stadium experience, players, coach/manager, and championships.

At the website http://sports.espn.go.com/espn/sportsnation/franchiseRanks there is the article and the rankings.

The Packers lowest score was a 10. No other team even comes close to those numbers except the Minnesota Wild. However, the Wild are only three years old and are not included in the overall rankings.

While looking over the stadium rankings, I was surprised to see that Lambeau Field only ranked 4th in Stadium Experience. At the top of the stadium list was the Minnesota Wild and the Excel Energy Arena.

After the Packers, I thought the Twins would be the next highest ranked team in our neck of the woods, but the rankings say that the Timberwolves are the next best team at 29. But the magazine ends it's bit on the T'wolves by mentioning the fact that the team has lost in the first round of playoffs the last six years.

On the other side of the court are the Milwaukee Bucks. They were in the top ten in the bang for the buck category with a nine. Unfortunately the players and coaching both scored in the 100's. It's not as good and it leads to the Bucks overall ranking of 58.

Apparently watching baseball is more entertaining than football, because the Vikings and the Twins had different stadium rankings. The Twins received a 112 for a game in the Dome, where the Vikings got a 114. That's just plain weird.

With a ranking of three for players and a four in affordability, the Twins received a ranking of 38 and are called "an easy team to like" in the article.

The Vikings, however, are not as easy to like, and it shows since the teams highest ranking is a 73 in coaching. Overall the Vikings received a rank of 102.

Rounding out the area rankings are the lowly Brewers at 107. The team has one star, Richie Sexson, and does not look like it will be improving anytime soon. The article tells the Brewers story best by stating that, "since Miller Park opened in 2001, only the sausage races have been competitive.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Tracy Oostdyk

The Facts:
Track and Field
Sophomore
Spooner, Wi(Shell Lake)
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Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Tracy Oostdyk took a third and a fifth to pace University of Wisconsin-Stout at the Blue Devils home-opening UW-Stout Invitational, Saturday, Feb. 1. Oostdyk finished third in the 3000-meter run (11:21.09) and was fifth in the 1500 (5:06.91) at the nine team invitational.

Oostdy holds the UW-Stout school record for the Steeple Chase. In the fall, she participates in Cross Country as one of the teams highest scorers. in High School Oostdyk's team was the All Conference champions. Oostdyk was also an individual conference champion and a state qualifier.

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Dublin, pubs and Guinness



FITLIVING
Ann Syrstad

Editors Note:
Ann Syrstad is taking part in the Wisconisn in Scotland program this semester and will be focusing on some of the Scottish aspects of her trip for her Fit Living Column.

While spending this past weekend in Dublin, Ireland I was lucky enough to take a tour of the Guinness Stout Storehouse. Dublin is the home of the Guinness brewery and to be quite honest, the Irish love the stuff.

The first thing that I noticed was the unique advertisements throughout the city. For example, there are postcards, posters and other paraphernalia stating slogans such as, "Guinness Is Good For You."

I also learned to appreciate the dark, thick beer and no longer cringe as I sip it. And to make this experience even better, I learned that in the past, Guinness had been recommended by doctors!

While many would probably disagree, it is said that there are few Irishmen who will not praise the medicinal benefits of a Guinness. But is it possible?

According to Michael Jackson's Beer Companion book, it is medically possible that Guinness is good for people. Its alcohol content is low enough to have a relaxing effect. But on the other hand, the product may produce a mild laxative effect due to the large amounts of live yeast. Too many pints of this beer is said to have an extreme laxative effect, which is not healthy!

"Guinness is the best beer because you don't get a hangover," said Amy Frost, a junior currently studying abroad in Scotland and planning to major in pub studies.

I did hear a medical folklore while on the Guinness tour about Guinness and Stout.

In some countries, Stout is seen as a beneficial bath for newborn babies. Although I am not sure on the validity of this statement, it kind of scares me.

According to http://www.guinness.com, Guinness has been dispensed in England. It was given to post-surgery patients and blood donors. Unfortunately, this is no longer the case in England.

Not in Ireland though! Guinness is still readily available to surgery patients and blood donors, as Guinness is known to be very high in iron.

"To get over my Busch Light hangover in the morning, I just slam a Guinness," says Bridget Bode, a junior majoring in early childhood education at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. "It gives me the extra bang for my buck."

In a study conducted by John D. Folts of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, two glasses of the dark, bitter Guinness Stout were injected directly into the stomachs of dogs that had clogged arteries. Shortly after doing so, all of the clogs were eliminated.

Before you go running to the local pub, it is important to notice that Folts also found that two cups of tea had the same effect. He also mentioned that dogs receiving Heineken lager had their clogs reduced only by about one-half and coffee was said to have aggravated the problem.

It is also important to notice that this was just a small study of dogs, not people!

So, do not feel like you must be in Ireland to enjoy a Guinness. Ten million glasses of the drink are consumed each day, all over the world!

"Guinness makes me a better dancer," stated Jill Krezoski, a sophomore majoring in dance from the north side of Milwaukee. "I never knew I could move like that!"



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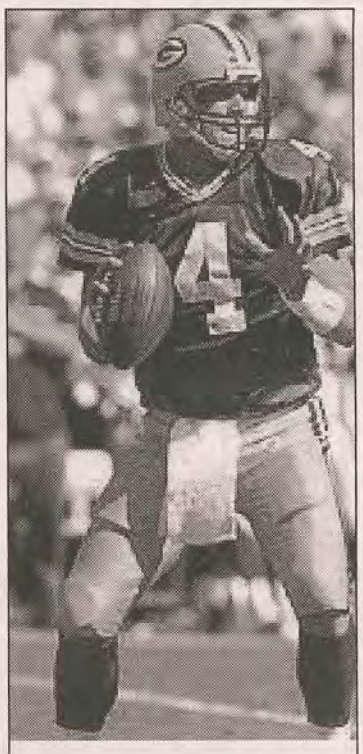
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Track and Field getting started

Rebecca Werner
The Stoutonia



courtesy of , Sports Information

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's team won its first home meet this season. The Blue Devils were going against seven other teams. The competition was held on Saturday, Feb. 1.

The Men's and Women's track teams deserve congratulations for the excellent competition they gave at their first home meet of the indoor season on Saturday, Feb. 1st.

The men's team conquered the meet scoring 208 points over all. Winona followed them taking second with a score of 119.5.

"This is a very volatile team, with many young athletes, a large majority being freshmen and sophomores, which have a high potential to turn some heads as a team," said men's new head coach Josh Buccholtz.

This statement was backed up by the performances many of the athletes have showed recently.

Steve Wenhardt and Brady Hurtgen took 1st and 2nd place, respectively, in the 55-meter dash. Hurtgen also placed 2nd in the 200-meter dash.

The 4x400-meter relay team consisting of Taylor Hustad, Jim Dvorak, Kevin Riester and Matt Schlough won their race, improving their time from last week by nearly 4 seconds. Hustad also took 1st place in the open 400-meter race.

"In the 800-meter run Stout athletes dominated the scoring," said Buccholtz. "Placing 2nd through 5th, stealing 23 of the 39 possible points."

The members of that race were Kevin Riester, Mark Kempen, Scott Barthel and Mitch Schlough.

For the distance team, Adam Burrack placed 2nd in the 5000-meter race and Ryan Chernik placed 3rd. Both men bettered their times from last week.

Lewis Casselius, a junior pole vaulter and NCAA Division III provisional qualifier, lead the event taking 1st. Freshmen Nick Nueman came in 2nd and Patrick Doty placing 3rd.

"The team is very excited and it shows," says Buccholtz. "Our number one goal is to move up on that awards stand and become a threat in this; by far one of the strongest conferences in the national Divison III."

Buccholtz is in his first season coaching at UW-Stout. Many of the team members are approve of the progressive changes he is bringing.

"The technical knowledge and the experience that Josh has will bring the team a lot of success," said sophomore manufacturing engineering major Taylor Hustad.

"With the new coach this year I think we are definitely headed in the right direction," said applied math major sophomore Jason Hotujec. "I think we will be a lot better."

Hotujec also performed well last weekend. He won the shot put with a toss of 12.96 meters (42' 6 1/4").

Along with the success of the men are the accomplishments among the ladies. The UW-Stout women placed 8th out of the nine teams, with a score of 27.75. Even though the team did not place as high as the men, there were many individual advancements.

"Lisa Sorvala won her heat of the 800," said women's Coach Joe Harlan. "The entire sprint crew all improved."

Kari McWithey and Ann Schachtner placed 5th and 6th in the shot put with distances of 11.37 meters for McWithey and 11.19 for Schachtner.

"Tracy (Oostdyk) was our highest point scorer of the meet," said Harlan.

Taking 3rd place in the 3000-meter race and 5th place in the 1500 meter race Oostdyk alone earned nearly one-third of the Blue Devils team points.

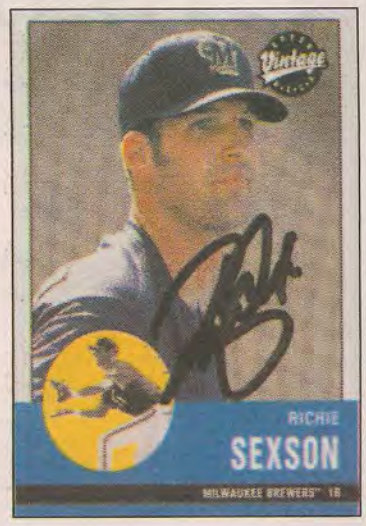
"We want to continue improving across the board in every event," said Harlan. "Our goal this year is to qualify as many people for the national championships in every area."

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Uncertain future

Nick Coenen
The Stoutonia

The relative instability of the state budget and the ever rising cost of education has the administration reeling as to their next step in what is called the "greatest financial crisis in state history" by Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle.

The overall cut to the University of Wisconsin-System is currently estimated at $100 million of the total $3.2 billion state budget shortfall.

Of that $100 million, the University of Wisconsin-Stout is expected to cut $2 million from its General Purpose Revenue (GPR) funding. GPR is essentially money the university receives as a result of state taxes. UW-Stout currently receives $40 million in GPR funding.

The actual figures for the state budget will not be released until next Tuesday; however, much planning is already under way.

In interviews with both Chancellor Charles Sorensen and Provost Robert Sedlak, the general theme was that this is a waiting game.

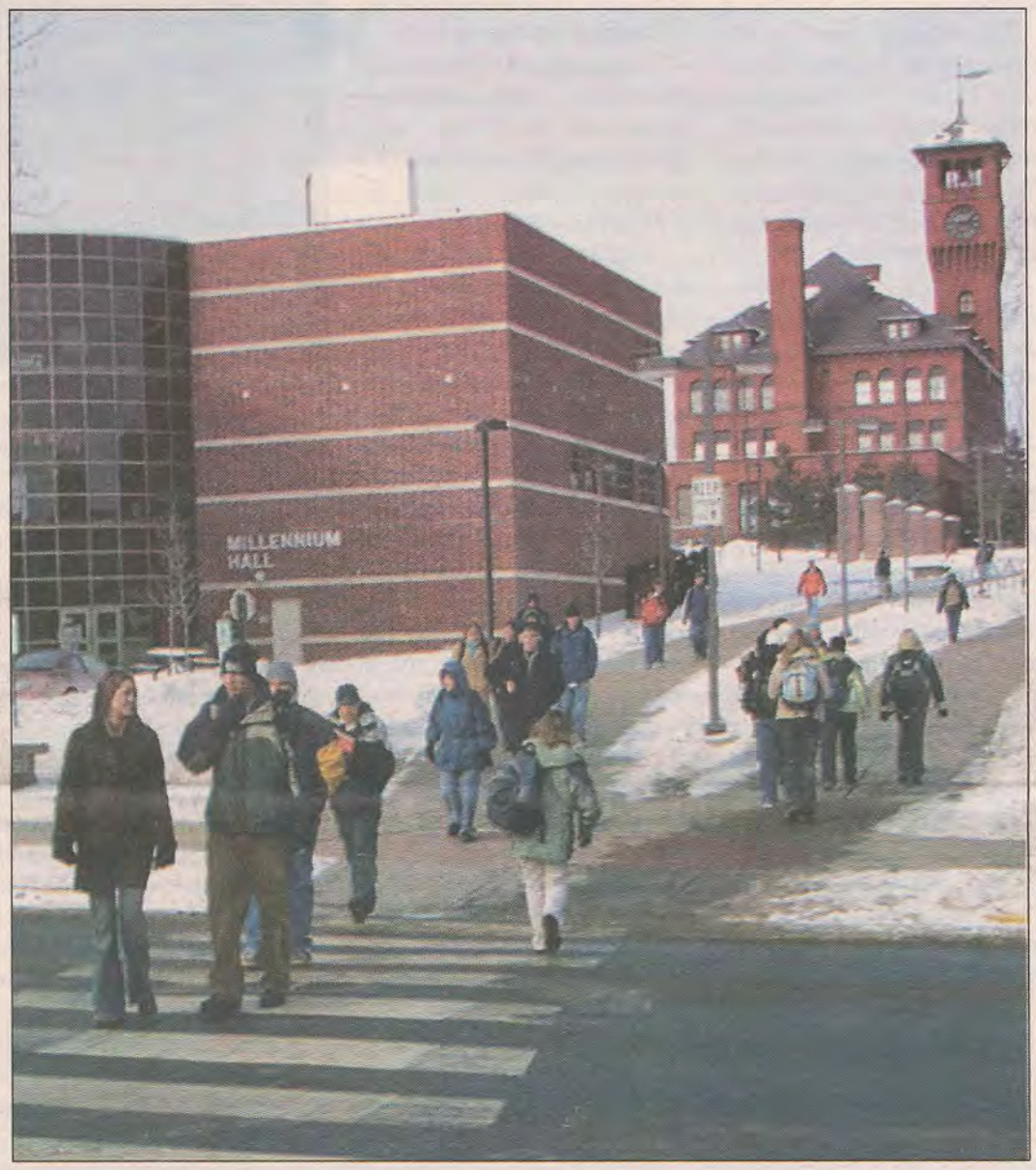
"We don't really know [any exact figures]," said Sorensen. "Until the governor releases his final budget, we don't know how much the cuts will be."

Despite this lack of solid figures, the university is actively looking at many alternatives and has created the 2003-2005 Budget Reduction Steering Group to try and trim the budget.

The steering group is comprised of administration members, representatives from each of the campus

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Winter chill bitterly reaches Menomonie



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

UW police and guns

Aleshia Brouwer
The Stoutonia

What began as a harassment complaint ended up in a slow speed chase causing one death, an ongoing investigation and questions about campus police responsibility.

On Monday evening, Feb. 3, a University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee police officer fired his gun several times, killing a Greenfield, Wis. man right outside of campus.

"Our police officers were following a complaint," said UW-Milwaukee spokesperson Tom Luljak.

According to Luljak, two people made a call on campus that reported a complaint of a person verbally harassing them. Later that evening, a UW-Milwaukee squad car spotted the vehicle matching the description, and began the pursuit.

"The suspect's vehicle struck one occupied vehicle and continued to flee while being pursued by both Shorewood and UW-Milwaukee squads," said the Shorewood Police Department.

The suspect then rammed into squad cars and lost control of his vehicle.

"At this point a UW-Milwaukee officer fired several shots, striking the victim," said Shorewood Police.

The victim was identified as Joseph F. Bauschek. Currently the case is under investigation by the Shorewood Police Department, and an autopsy is being performed to find the exact cause of death.

"When you hear that somebody was killed, it's disturbing to everybody," said Lisa Walter, chief of police for the University of Wisconsin-Stout. "It's a pretty tight-knit group in the sense that it's what we do."

Last semester, UW-Stout police changed its policy to allow officers to carry weapons 24-hours a day. Prior to the change, officers could only carry their weapons during night-time hours.

Most UW-system schools have at least one fully certified police officer. Sometimes the majority of the force is composed of security officers; however, in the case of UW-Stout, UW-Milwaukee, UW-Eau Claire and other schools, the force is certified through the Wisconsin Department of Justice. They're treated just

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The high cost of studying art

Curt Trnka
The Stoutonia

Art majors at the University of Wisconsin-Stout are facing a dilemma. They are finding out that money does not grow on trees. This is the same problem that all college students go through while in school; or is it?

College students take on the challenge of maintaining their grades while working to pay for tuition.

But when classes require students to pay additional fees that are not included in tuition, students can quickly fall into debt.

Art students are required to buy supplies every semester, while the students of other majors are not.

"My first semester here I probably spent about $200 on supplies," said Kate Kramer, a sophomore majoring in art.

Spending hundreds of dollars to begin a possible career in art is a situation most students accept.

Spending hundreds more each semester is another story.

"I think that art students should receive a break in tuition with all the extra costs in our program," Kramer said.

Art students need supplies such as paper, markers and glue far more often than other majors need supplies.

Art students aren't using Crayola and Elmer's either. Most use top-of-the-line markers that cost $3-4 a piece, and instead of glue, use adhesive products such as Spray Mount and Studio Tac, which cost $10

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Weekend Weather

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Supplies/added costs

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or more.

Kramer estimates that she spends close to $400 a school year on supplies, while most majors have only minimal extra costs.

"I probably won't even spend $50 this year," said Andy Haapanen, a sophomore in graphic communications management (GCM). "The most I ever spent on a class was GCM-151, and that was only about $20."

"This year so far I have spent over $300; per year varies greatly though," said hospitality and tourism major Eric Kuphal. "The first year I didn't spend anything, and last year I spent maybe $20. I will probably spend over $500 this year."

The Quantity Food Production class is the reason why hospitality and tourism majors have a lot of extra costs some years and not as much other years.

"Quantity Food Production has cost me over $250," said Kuphal. "I don't think it is fair that we have to spend so much without previously being told so."

Somewhere during a college career, added expense always seems to creep up.

"I don't pay half as much as an art student does when it comes to extra costs," said Haapanen, who lives in Illinois, less than ten minutes from the Wisconsin border. "But I pay way more in ridiculous out-of-state tuition."

Some students feel the extra costs of the classes could be handled differently.

"Add the cost into course descriptions and eliminate hidden costs all together," said Chris Strzok, a senior in technology education. "[Add] $5 to $10 per class maybe."

Rendall thinks that the university could use the extra costs as a chance to make some money.

"I think that as a university, they should be able to buy supplies at a lower cost than students," said Rendall. "They could also buy in bulk and then sell the supplies to the students."

On the other side of the argument is Haapanen.

"Personally, I don't have a problem with additional fees in classes," said Haapanen. "As long as I get to keep the stuff, I'm alright with it. It is also better that I can choose where to get the supplies. I can find the better deals myself."

Ebay is a favorite among college students for the same reasons as Goodwill: prices a garage sale couldn't beat.

"A friend of mine bought sets of markers and colored pencils from Ebay," Kramer said. "[He] saved himself something like $120."



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Penco manager Mike Tarr helps a UW-Stout art student gather additional supplies needed for class. It is estimated that art students spend $200 a semester on supplies.

Art students try to reuse and save as many supplies as they can, but only so much can be saved or reused. Printing costs are another fee that art students have to deal with.

"[Students] come in about twice a year for their finals," said Doug Rorer, production manager at Advanced Visual Output in St. Paul. "It's important [for students] to understand the digital world. It's always interesting to see what they are working on."

Rorer estimates that students spend $100 on average for printing and notes. He and his staff are always willing to work with the students. They are always happy to see customers who are excited about their work.

Another store that many UW-Stout students shop at is Penco. During the first two weeks of the semester the store is the busiest, helping hundreds of students find the products they need.

"Each student spends about $200 at the beginning of each semester," said Mike Tarr, Penco manager. "During those first two weeks, the number of students is just incredible. Everyone needs supplies."

On an average trip to Penco, a student spends $25 according to Tarr, and he estimates that approximately 90 percent of the store's customers are art students.

He also understands that they have to deal with perishable supplies. Art students always need to replace items such as paper, markers and pencils.

"There is just something about the energy that students bring," said Tarr.

"Sometimes we don't have what they need. They have to make things work and think quickly. It's great working with them."

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Police/guns on campus

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like any other police officer.

UW-Stout has been armed for about 20 years. Officers are required to complete training a minimum of four times a year. Officers must also complete 400 hours of prior training to receive certification.

"A motor vehicle can and will be used as a weapon," said Walter. "If you're a police officer you should have the equipment that you need."

According to Luljack, this is the first time a gun has ever been fired in the 30 years the force has been in existence.

"We believe they should be armed because it's such a large, accessible campus," said Luljack. "Our officers need to be equipped to handle things that come up."

Students at the UW-Milwaukee campus have shown surprise over the incident, but have little reason to be concerned.

"It came as a shock to me being at a college, but being in Milwaukee, not really," said Carlye Garcie, a UW-Milwaukee sophomore studying communications. "I just never heard of anything like that happening."

UW-Stout students also have feelings about campus officers carrying guns.

"I don't know why they would ever need to use them here," said Chad Hrobsky, an undecided sophomore at UW-Stout and Milwaukee resident. "I can see though that they would need to in Milwaukee. There's so many more people there."

Budget/leaves university waiting

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governance groups, faculty and clerical representatives.

The group has also created 10 possible models of what the cuts may look like. These scenarios will then be applied depending upon how severe the cuts the state imposes are.

"There will be four major areas that we are looking to cut back in and those are athletics, intramurals, placement and Stout Solutions," said Sorensen.

One possibly surprising cut from the athletics department would be to eliminate the men's baseball and women's softball teams.

"Many schools in the Midwest have already cut their baseball and softball programs due to the weather up here," said Sorensen.

Sorensen went on to explain that he wants to preserve the academic atmosphere at UW-Stout and that idea is helping to guide them through the cutting process. As much as the university may wish to keep all the professors, it may not be feasible next semester.

"Clearly there will be layoffs," said Sorensen. "But I will not call a financial emergency."

Those professors most likely to be given notice at the end of this semester are those that are not tenured or seeking tenure.

This category of professors is called academic staff and they are typically on single year contracts, which are renewed yearly.

Sorensen also detailed a possible change in the current structure of departments to eliminate the redundancy of having both program directors and department chairs. There is a possibility that department chairs may be asked to spend more time in the classroom as their responsibilities are picked up by the program directors.

Another possible change for next semester will be a sizeable reduction in enrollment.

Only 25 fewer freshmen will be admitted next year in order to stay in compliance with laptop campus contracts.

The real change will come in probationary appeals.

"Students on probation at the end of the semester will have a difficult time with an appeal," said Sedlak.

With so many possibilities and options available for the upcoming budget, it is only a matter of time until administration is forced to make costly decisions.



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You can't take it with you
A student reported on Jan. 29 that she lost her wallet between the Library Learning Center and her residence on South Broadway Street. The student's wallet contained $450 cash, credit cards, a student ID card and three gold, diamond rings. The student reported that a $475 charge was made on her credit card without her permission.

Trashin' the boys room
A Library Learning Center staff member reported on Feb. 6 that someone had trashed the men's restroom on the first floor. An officer responded to the call and found the trash can dumped out and paper towels pulled out of the dispenser. The officer found no one suspicious in the area. The custodial staff was contacted and the mess was cleaned up.

Alarms in library
On Feb. 9, a Library Learning Center staff member reported that over the previous night, the security alarm had been activated three times. It is unknown how the alarm was activated or if there are any missing materials. The staff member was advised to view the security video to see if anyone had left the building after closing at 4:30 p.m. on Feb. 8.

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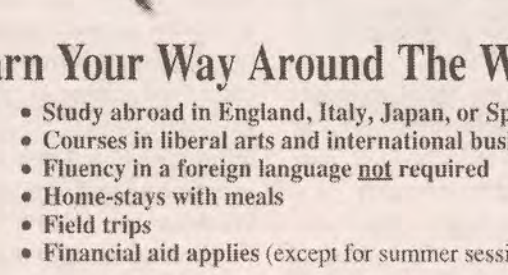
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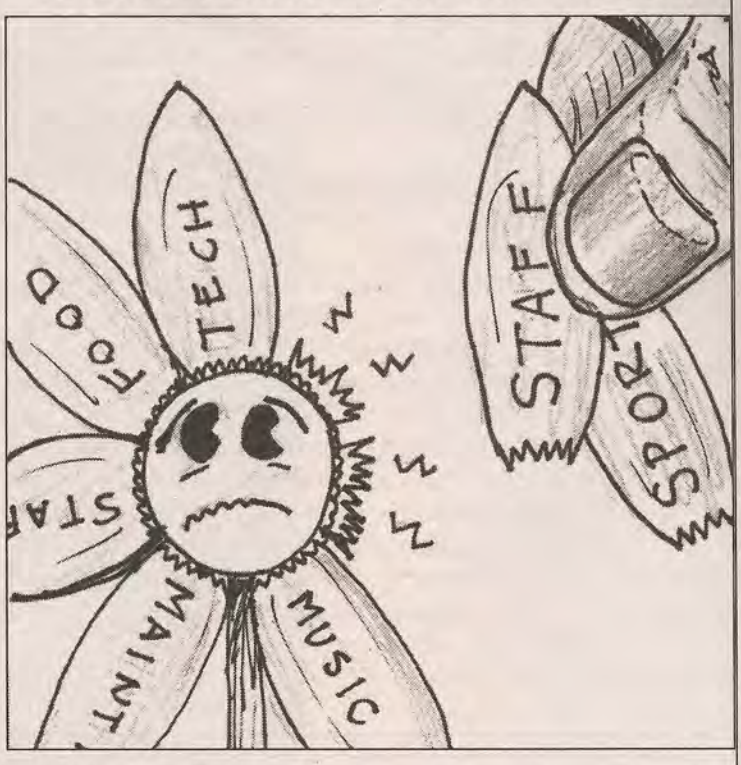
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Budget causes the UW-Stout flower to wilt



Just about a year ago, the University of Wisconsin-Stout was awarded the Malcolm Baldrige Award for quality in education.

UW-Stout was chosen as the prettiest flower in the bunch by some intensely critical judges. They found what the university presented to be so outstanding that they decided to give it national recognition for the first time in history.

With what seems to be the march to the last days of the apocalypse, it appears that that flower may be in some trouble though.

All the pretty petals that make up this university and make it the beautiful specimen that it is all cost money.

Every petal has a purpose. Unfortuneately, every petal has a price also.

The administration is preparing to prune the university, which they admit is a difficult task.

The problem is, what do you cut?

Some believe it will be the little things that help, but that is truly flawed logic. The budget will not be saved by a reduction in paper use, no matter how many documents we put on Blackboard.

The brutal truth is that a few things are going to have to go, and we will notice.

The administration has labeled athletics as one of the first to go, but what are the chances athletics won't go down without a fight?

And if they do decide to cut baseball and softball (see page 1), that is only the tip of the iceberg.

The chancellor bluntly said "There will be layoffs."

There isn't a lot of wiggle room there. Many of the professors that we know and love may not be back next semester.

The worst part is that there is really no one to point the finger at in this instance either. No one person caused this budget, and there is no pleasant way out of it. We can just hope for the best in days to come.

So as the administration prepares to alter the landscape at UW-Stout for the next few years, we can only hope that they are making the best choices. It is easy to be critical now, but we won't really know if they were the correct choices for several years down the road.

Saddam is Bin Laden's new valentine?



COMMONSENSE
John Harsdorf

As Valentine's Day quickly approaches, Stout students aren't the only ones hooking up for Valentine's Day and looking to throw a party.

That's right, our old friend Osama Bin Laden delivered a special message to his terrorist and U.S.-hating friends, encouraging them to help Saddam and commit more suicide attacks against us. I guess it's not a box full of chocolates or a dozen roses, but it is the thought that counts, right?

His comments clearly illustrate what Colin Powell previously pointed out in his speech to the U.N. showing a link between Al Queda and Saddam. The impact the increased threat of Saddam and Al Queda had on the United States can be seen in our upgrade to the code orange alert this past week.

Code Orange advises people to have three days worth of food, duct tape and plastic ready to seal your house from a chemical weapons attack! Yet in spite of these threats and increased alerts, I received my wonderful SSA email telling me about peace rallies in Wausau and Voices in the Wilderness... what?

I really do give them a lot of credit because they really think that we are trying to push a war and must be making up this stuff about weapons of mass destruction.

However, I think their agenda and line of thinking is wrong, and to prove it, look at the past Clinton administration. Bill Clinton also had to deal with both North Korea and Iraq during his presidency, and in both cases did everything these groups would endorse. He issued a treaty with North Korea that would have us give them food and oil in exchange for the abandonment of their nuclear program.

When the Iraqis incurred a material breach by not allowing inspectors search Presidential Palaces, Clinton made them sign a new unconditional search. Soon after inspectors left Iraq in exasperation, potential conflict was avoided.

We put our faith in the goodwill of the North Koreans, but just last month we found out that North Korea had continued developing their nuclear program.

Meanwhile, the Iraqis continued to shoot at American planes flying in the no fly zones, areas that were designed to stop Saddam from persecuting Kurdish Iraqis in the north, and threatening Kuwait to the south.

It is clear that the previous administration's policies completely failed and that through its inaction and complacency we found ourselves dealing with the tragic attacks of September 11.

Do you really think that had we known about Osama's intentions to attack us, a U.N. inspection committee could have found his plans? Do you think that he would have declared to inspectors his documents outlining their attack plan?

I believe that the same applies to the situation in Iraq. If they truly wanted to avoid war, all they would have to do is declare their arsenal, and abandon their weapons program.

We have continued to optimize the opportunity to avoid a war by placing our good faith in these countries and mad men that have the potential to threaten our lives. Yet these men are even more intent on accomplishing their goal of our destruction. A goal that would surely destroy our freedoms, and shatter the peace many here are so eager to protest for. In fact, maybe I'll go look up Osama and Saddam's email address so we can send them an email about how to get to Wausau and stop the war.

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Letters to the Editor

Alumni enjoys the .com

Hi,

Just wanted to say I enjoy reading the Stoutonia Online. I like to read what is going on up at Stout. I thought the article Campus Remembers by Amanda Herr was well written. I am sure the response from the students was the same as it was when my wife and I were students when the space shuttle Challenger exploded a few minutes after take off. I can still remember every one gathered around TV's in the student union.

John Miller
BS90 & MS91

Dear Mr. Miller:

Thank you for your kind words and taking the time to share them with us. I hope we can continue to keep you and the other alumni connected to your alma mader.

Nick Coenen
Editor-in-Chief

SPHE misplacing love?

Editor:

I was recently in the MSC and I saw a display in one of the display cases that was put up by Stout Peer Health Education (a program of Student Health Services) It was titled "Ways to show someone you love them" it list many great ways to do so, such as make them dinner, reenact your first date, and so on, they were placed in a circle around a Larger heart, which was their most important one of all, "use a Condom".

I found it apprehensive to see that as their main point Love. The SPHE goal is for students to live a healthier life style. Why is this the approach they take to prevent diseases? It is a VERY well Know Fact that the absolute best way to prevent STDs is to Just Not Have Sex. I did not see that mention in your display.

I feel promoting the use of a condom as Love influences couple into having Sex, sure it may be "safe" sex, but it is still dangerous for unmarried couple to have. Whatever happen to "if you love someone they'll wait for you" I hope in the future the University will make better decisions when it tries to promote Healthier Living.

Jesus Aguirre
UW-Stout student

Dear Mr. Aguirre:

Thank you for your letter and I hope others are enlightened by your views. I personally echo your sentiment in many ways.

Nick Coenen
Editor-in-Chief

Harsdorf is irrational

John Harsdorf,

I mean this letter with the least amount of disrespect possible, but I am going to be totally honest in my reaction to your article "The Possiblity of Peace in Our Time." I think the way you write about the topic of U.S. military action in Iraq, makes it seem to me you have not considered the gravity of this situation rationally. It is totally ridiculous that you propose military action against Iraq now, based on the events that lead to World War II. How can I take your opinion seriously about this subect when you have not addressed One Single current issue?

I am not saying that the U.S. should not consider Saddam Hussein as a danger to our national security. Even though there has never been evidence of a link between Al-Queda and Saddam Hussein, it seems obvious that if a war between the U.S. and Iraq were to break out Saddam Hussein would strike back at America with massive acts of terrorism from within the United States. I learned from a program on National Public Radio with Noam Chomsky, that the CIA reported to president Bush that declaring war on Iraq would almost certainly cause large scale terrorist efforts within the U.S.-That's what we should be really afraid of as a Nation. Which is exactly why we should give the diplomatic efforts of the U.N. as much time as we can, and let the U.N. tell us when to strike, not the other way around.

Although Saddam Hussein is definitely a tyrant and a threat even to his own people, he is certainly not, as you say, "allowed to roam freely." The U.N has been controlling large parts of Iraqi air space since The Gulf War in 1992 and especially now that it seems the whole world is focused on the results of the U.N. Weapons Inspections. I believe these diplomatic efforts of the U.N. are capable of preventing Hussein from committing further atrocities, since even Iraq's closest neighbors do not consider Iraqi invasion a threat with all of the world's attention on Hussein.

There are many other good reasons to oppose military action against Iraq as well. First, it would limit our ability to fight the yet unfinished war against Al-Queda and second, we must also consider the growing nuclear threat in North Korea. Third, tension between our ally India and its neighbor Pakistan (both countries with nuclear capability).

Finally, the fact that there is tremendous deal of opposition to a declaration of war by some of our valuable allies, France, Belgium, Germany, Turkey and others. It seems to me with all of the rhetoric you are spewing about World War II, you should be able recognize the possibility of a third World War breaking out.

I recognize that you have already made up your mind about whether you support Bush's current agenda or not but I hope you will consider what I have written.

Do you feel strongly enough about the threat of Saddam Hussein to enlist in the Armed Forces if we declare war? While you are playing Minster of Propaganda at the Stoutonia, many good people are in Middle East already acting on what they believe. The media doesn't even report the minor "skirmishes" and "strikes" anymore. I want to support those troops and everyone who may have to fight in the future. That's why I participate in the movement for peace and why I hope that Bush's plans for war are not more important then the safety of this country against further acts of terror.

Sincerely,
Dylan Ritchie

Dear Mr. Ritchie:

While you are clearly over the word limit, I believe your letter is certainly worth the extra words. You raise many good questions which I am confident Mr. Harsdorf will address in future articles. Thank you for taking the time to share your views with the campus.

Nick Coenen
Editor-in-Chief

Harsdorf is rational

Dear Editor,

I was pleased to see an editorial from Mr. John Harsdorf which accurately presented the view of many Americans concerning "peace protesters". I especially appreciated the way Mr. Harsdorf presented the parallel actions of Sadam Hussein and Adolph Hitler. Time passes on, but the presence of power hungry madmen and their oppression of peoples freedom remain.

Mr. Harsdorf is also correct in stating that "peace protestors" are voicing their opinions that it is fine for Hussein to commit genocide against the Kurds in Northern Iraq and threaten the safety of neighboring countries. I would like to take the argument a step further by saying that if the peace protestors had their way and we left Iraq to itself, it is probable that the same people would complain that we were ignoring the plight of the Kurds and that their human rights were being ignored. You can never please liberals!

In closing, I am pleased to see the Stoutonia expose students to the opinions of the world beyond the borders of liberal academia and liberal-controlled media. Congratulations to both the Stoutonia and Mr. Harsdorf. Good luck!

Mr. John Conklin
Menomonie resident

Dear Mr. Conklin:

Thank you for your letter and your appreciation of Mr. Harsdorf's work. I'm sure he is flattered and will continue to write from his personal beliefs.

Nick Coenen
Editor-in-Chief

Educate yourself already

Dear Editor,

I was taken back by your rather interesting view of college in, "4 years 40 classes...". But I do feel you are a little misguided. It seems that somewhere in your self-righteousness you are confusing getting by and learning as synonymous terms.

It is unfortunate that you feel you have learned little from Stout, if not somewhat embarrassing to you. However, you are solely to blame for this, not the institution.

A professor or instructors existence is not to say, 'Learn Nick,' or 'Go to the library Nick.' You have to take learning upon yourself. If you want it, seek it, knowledge is all around you. In fact many of Stout's professors come from very prestigious backgrounds. I know of one in particular who taught at Princeton. They would be a great place to start searching for your knowledge; regardless if you find their class "easy."

Learning also takes ambition; it is a thirst, not a right of passage for paying tuition. It is an ambition for which you do not have, for if you did, the library would be a more "meaningful place to you," and this would not be the first book you have checked out.

In the event that you are becoming ambitious to learn, you undoubtedly know that there are things you can do to remedy your situation. Take a class that might change your prospective; women's studies, hmong culture, logic and even journalism classes are a great start. Change your major if you do not find it stimulating, or you can even transfer to a "more challenging" school.

David Zill
UW-Stout student

Dear Mr. Zill:

As difficult as it is to be appreciative of a blatant attack on my character, I thank you for your letter and I will try to explain my article which you have clearly misinterpreted.

First, my article was not a confession of my own laziness. It was not to declare that I am content with my current education and that I just try to walk through my classes. My article was out of frustration for the overall lack of a challenge presented by most classes.

This lack of a challenge certainly does not fall squarely on the professors, as I pointed out in my article. Students are equally to blame if they do not put forth effort, but a professor is paid to educate and to challenge his or her students with new concepts and new material.

On a sidenote, I was not the slightest surprised by the number of people that stopped me this week to tell me they have also either checked out one or fewer books from the library. These were not lazy students either. They just have not been challenged.

Thank you again for your letter and thank you for reading.

Nick Coenen
Editor-in-Chief

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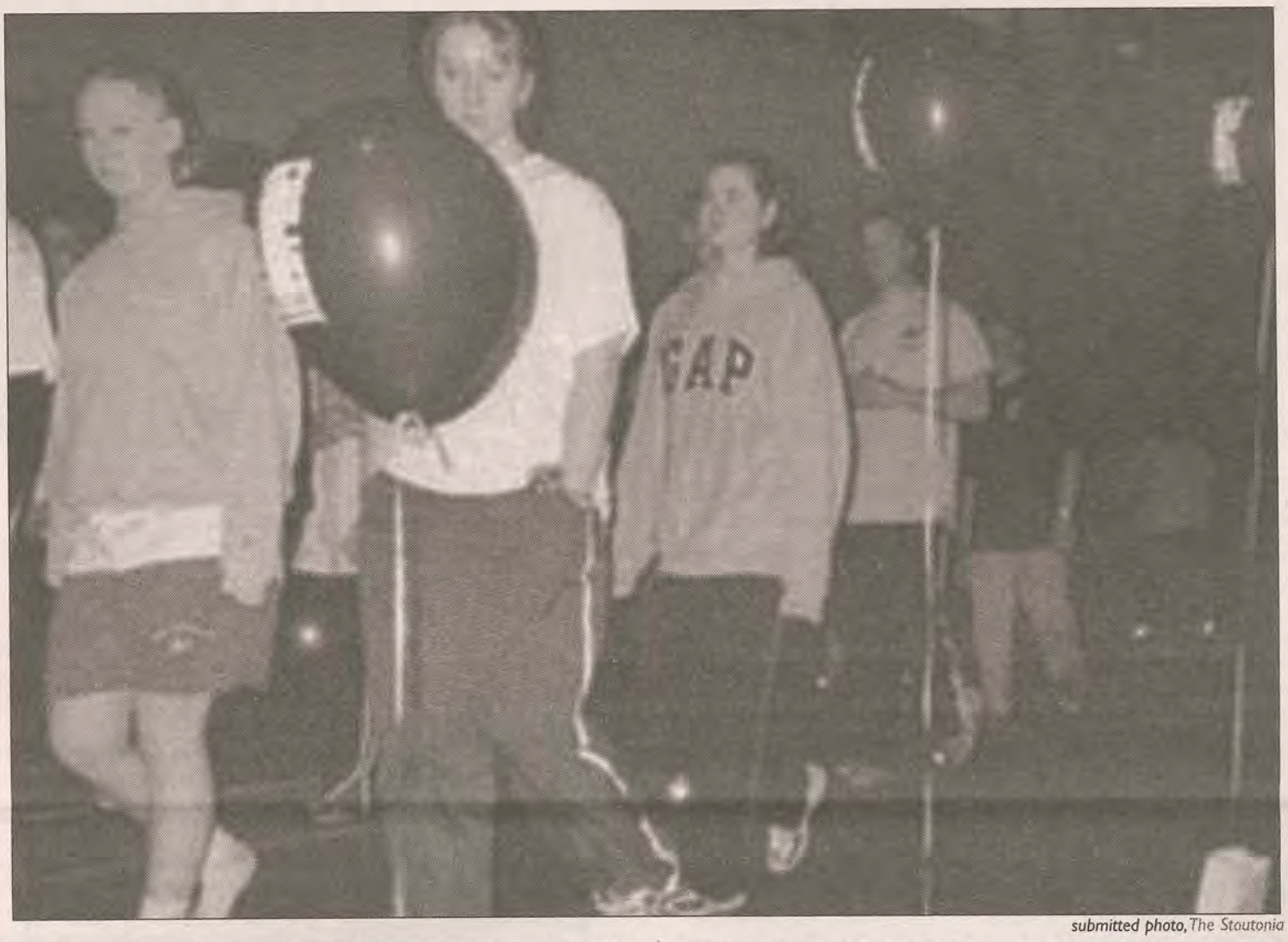
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Tracking down a cure

Students take on the Relay For Life challenge to raise money

Missy Powell
The Stoutonia



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Students come together in teams to raise money for the American Cancer Society, and during the night of the event the teams take turns walking the track in the Johnson Fieldhouse for 12 hours straight.

An estimated 555,000 people die each year from some form of cancer. 25,300 people are diagnosed with a form of cancer each year in the state of Wisconsin. The American Cancer Society's Relay For Life is an event that not only mourns these losses but also celebrates the victory of overcoming a battle with cancer. Relay For Life also gives hope to those who have been recently diagnosed with cancer by allowing them to meet others who have struggled and are struggling through the same ordeal.

Feb. 28 will kick off the Relay For Life on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus. This event will begin at 7 p.m. and will run until 7 a.m. It will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room in the Johnson Fieldhouse.

In 1985 Dr. Gordy Klatt, a colorectal surgeon, started his own one-man relay in Tacoma, Wash. In 24 hours, Klatt walked a total of 83 miles raising $27,000 to support the American Cancer Society. The following year 220 supporters, 19 teams in all, joined Klatt to begin what is now known as Relay For Life.

Joe Rintelman, a junior in technical education is part of the UW-Stout Relay For Life team. This past year the team has become a recognized organization on the UW-Stout campus. Rintelman is a co-chair who helps oversee everything that goes into the planning of an event such as this one.

"Relay is a celebration of all the efforts that all the teams put in," said Rintelman.

He said that there are plenty of events throughout the 24-hour period. The bands "Easy Chair" and "Destine Records" are scheduled to perform along with many activities, games, contests, educational booths and campsite decorating.

Christina Schmitz, a senior in family consumer education is the head of the highlighted lumonaria ceremony. Luminarias are purchased in memory of someone who has passed away from cancer, or in honor of someone struggling through it. The ceremony starts at 11 p.m. and is open to the public.

"It's a very moving part of the relay," Schmitz added.

Maggie Haze, income development coordinator at the American Cancer Society. believes that the money raised through Relay for Life goes towards a good cause. According to Haze, the money helps to raise funds to provide services such as wigs, medical equipment, wheelchairs, hospital beds and research.

"[There are] more Relay For Life events than there are Wal-marts nationwide," said Haze.

Haze also added that 32 Nobel Prize winners were funded by the American Cancer Society. It was this funding that helped doctors discover how to transplant bone marrow.

Haze is involved in every one of these events and also donates money to the Society.



"I couldn't pick just one!" she said.

According to Haze there are 2.5 million people that participate nationwide and the relays take place in nine countries including Australia, Canada, Great Britain, New Zealand, Republic Marshall Islands, Scotland, Singapore and the United States.

At UW-Stout over 300 people participate in the event in 25 teams with 16 committee chairs.

"Everyone is touched by cancer, no matter how young or old," said Haze. "This affects our moms, dads, grandmas, grandpas, sisters, and brothers; that's why we need to fight."

Rintelman, Schmitz and Haze have all joined the fight against cancer for very similar reasons.

"Cancer has affected my life and I don't want to see it affect my kids' lives," said Rintelman.

Schmitz agreed.

"I don't want another family to deal with the heartache of it," she said.

Haze not only had a lot of cancer in her family, but she also lost her best friend to cancer.

"George was my cheerleader to do this," she said.

Haze also had to battle cancer herself. Last year she had skin cancer removed, which to her was a life-affirming event.

Another thing that sealed Haze's commitment to the Society was working with 500 volunteers.

"Their dedication and desire renewed my spark to want to make a difference," said Haze.

Rintelman's affirmation was clear. "Cancer never rests, and neither do we."

For more information on the Relay For Life or for information on how to donate or volunteer vist: http://www.cancer.org

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Finding fitness in your dorm room

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia

If you've ever been to the Johnson Fieldhouse to use the weight room or work out facilities you probably know of the hectic, chaotic time when it feels like the whole school decided to join you in working out. With the busy schedules of college students, making the time for the gym can be difficult.

However, trying to get a good workout in your dorm room can be troublesome.

"It's too small to do anything remotely effective," said Kim Roy, a sophomore in retail merchandising and management. "I attempted with an exercise ball one time, but that didn't work very well. I almost killed myself."

Instead of trying to sign up for machines early or waiting hours to use a treadmill, there are things you can do to tone up right in your dorm room.

Going to the gym and lifting 3-10 pound weights can, instead, easily be done in your dorm room by using your heavy textbooks as a substitute. This is especially helpful for those who want to have lean, but not huge, muscles.

Another exercise that is perfect in your dorm room is lunges and squats. This can be done by adding your textbooks, or other heavy things in your room to your backpack and strapping it on your back.

"The only thing that I find effective in my room is sit-ups," said Roy.

Sit-ups can be done on the floor, on your bed or on your futon. There are many variations of sit-ups that you can do including the traditional style, turning on your side or putting your feet in the air.

If you're worried about your abs you can also lay down and do leg raises, which will help with both legs and abs.

You can also use your bed and chair to stretch before your work out.

For students who want a cardio work out there are also things you can do. For example, most people will be able to use a hoola hoop in their dorm room, which isn't very expensive to buy. Jumping jacks are also great for getting your blood pumping and your heart rate up. Also, try running up and down all four sets of stairs.

There are also multiple things that each hall has to help students keep in shape. For example, CKTO offers a leg press, punching bag, boxing gloves, exercise bike, T.V. with V.C.R. and workout tapes that are available at the front desk.

"There's quite a few people that check out the weight room facilities each desk shift that I work," said Angie Thompson, a senior in early childhood education and a front desk employee at CKTO.

Although facilities are available in all the halls, some would prefer to use something else.

"When I lived on north campus, it was too far of a walk to the Fieldhouse, so I used to walk over to Fleming," said Ashley Skarda, a sophomore in interior decorating. "But it only seemed like one machine really worked. I know the treadmill didn't work."

Whether in the dorms or in the gym, students should find a time that works with their schedule to make use of the equipment available.



by Heather Sodemann, The Stoutonia

Christy Phillips works out with her neighbors in her dorm room using the Ab Roller and Cindy Crawford workout videos to stay fit.

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STUDENT LIFE
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"Pick it up and send it to the one girl who made fun of me in kindergarden."
~Emma Erickson,
soph., pyschology

Campus Slant



"Pick it up and put it on ice and call 911!"
~Barb Stephens
Terrace staff., lead worker

What would you do if you found a severed ear on the ground?



"Take it and staple it to my roomates door."
~Dave Koehler
jr., studio art

"Send it to my best friend as a joke."
~Dana Vanlin
soph., business



Next Week:

What would you cut from the budget?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.



North Korea miscalculates, hits self

Crew Kennsington
The Stoutonia

In what can only be described as an enormous tragedy, North Korea attempted to launch a nuclear cruise missle into the west coast of the United States. Due to a miscalculation, the missle hit the east coast of North Korea.

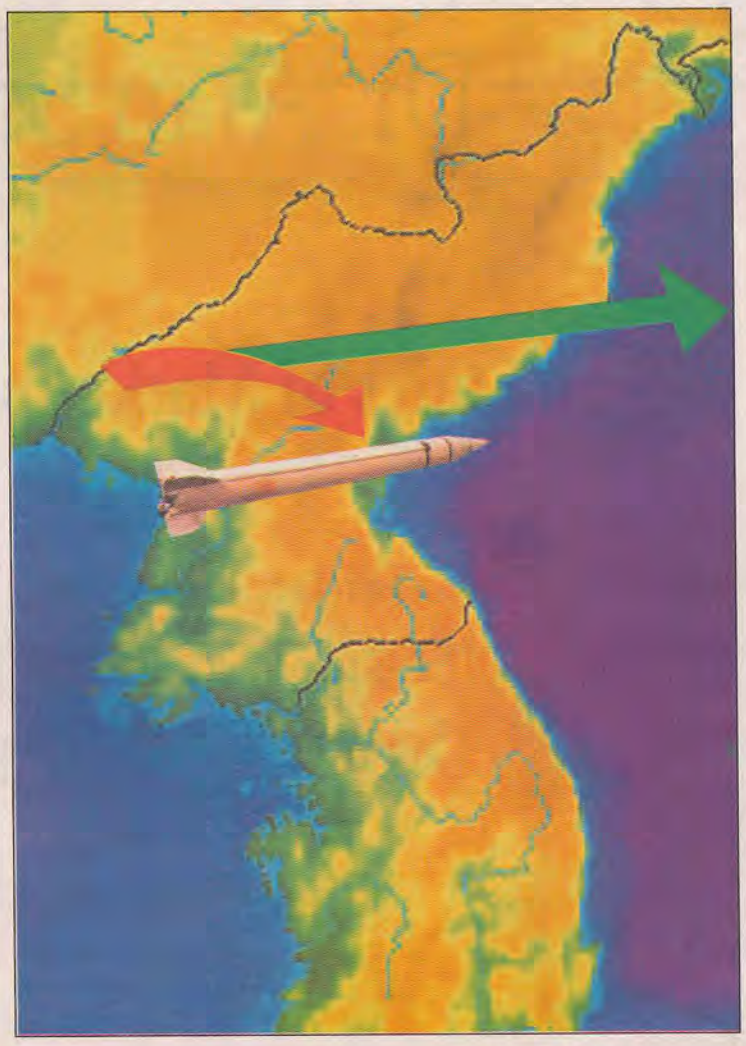
"I really thought we had it," said Jang Song Thaek, director of the nuclear program in North Korea. "We have being working on the numbers for years, and...well...this is just plain embarrassing."

The North Koreans had been working diligently on their nuclear program despite United Nation sanctions prohibiting such activity.

"It's amazing we even got this far," said Thaek. "But then again, Iraq is being a pretty solid decoy. It's so easy to hate that Saddam guy for some reason. I don't even know him and I think he's gotta be at least part evil."

North Korea was labeled as a member of the "axis of evil" along with Iraq and Iran.

"We really wanted to tag LA with that missle," said Thaek. "The United States is always acting so high and mighty. We just wanted to let them know we are still a real country."



Depart. of Defense Illustration

As can be seen in this diagram, the original trajectory of the missle is far from where it actual landed.

Secretary of State Colin Powell was unavailable for comment following the incident, however President George W. Bush was available for a brief press conference.

"What happened today was a tragedy. It was horrificable," said Bush. "There are not words to describe the pain that nation is in. I am just thankful that our strategery was in place to discourage such a horrificable act on our soil."

Despite Bush's comments, it does not explain why the missle fell so ridiculously short.

Many attribute the shortcoming to a miscalculation in the overall velocity of the missle. Others say it was the payload itself. Thaek disagrees.

"I hear all the complaints. I expected them," said Thaek. "We screwed up. We know that. But it wasn't something so obvious. It couldn't be."

As Thaek and the remaining scientists continue to search for clues, it appears that this may have just been bad luck and nothing more.

"I always tell myself, 'Just trust in what you are doing and you will be okay,'" said Thaek. "I just wish we could figure it all out. We had used a scale model and everything. I try to tell myself it wasn't caused by a misplaced zero, but I'm running out of options. Too little too late I guess."

"V-Day expectations."



ROOMMATES
Tiffany Laschinger
Heather Sodemann

It's hard to miss the biggest candy-coated holiday when red and pink are splashed on every wall and product label.

Valentine's Day can either make a person overjoyed with love, pressured from obligation to make this day extra special or ashamed for being alone.

Valentine's Day for lovers can be a great excuse to go all out and show how much you care by how much money you spend.

Feb. 14 is just another day on the calender, but the card and candy companies have warped it into a day that is held on a higher pedestal. With this day comes expectation of flowers, chocolates and expensive dinners. Expressed affection in the form of gifts should not be forced on a certain day by the disconnected commercial world.

Gifts are great any day of the year and mean more when it's out of the blue.

This exclusive holiday outcasts those without love. Being single on V-Day is depressing, causes hatred for the opposite sex and jealousy for those who are paired. Any mention of the day can leave them in a puddle of tears or a fiery ball of rage.

It would be nice to return to the simpler times of Valentine's Day, when you made an elaborate box for all of the sweets and valentine cards given by classmates. Everyone gave valentines to everyone, no one was left without.

Chocolates were given by daddies and kisses were given by mommies. The only important man in a girl's life is her daddy and the best gift she can get on Valentine's Day is from him.

Valentine's Day is supposed to be a special day for those you care about, but has become bastardized by card and candy companies leaving some people dreading the day altogether.

If you have someone you love, whether it be your significant other, friends or family, use this day as a good excuse to call or visit them. Spend time with people that make you happy. Don't worry about sappy gifts and gimmicks.

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Love Lines

Scott
Thank you for making everyday feel like Valentine's Day!
I will love you always,
Heidi
Happy Valentine's Day 2003

Peanut you fill my days with joy.
Love Always, Johnny

My dearest Rayzin. You B.F.D.S.G.

Love Lines

You make my heart go BAM BAM, Pebbles

Jenn, don't say I never got you anything Love, Jess

To my dearest Erin,
Thank you for filling my days with your sunshine and joy-D
To my dear Emily,
Happy Valentine's Day
Yours Truly, Brad

I love you AJay -Tams

Love Lines

To my precious Pam,
Your life is sweeter than M&Ms
Love always and forever

Bagels and Alabama! What a date, Tiffany

I love you Babay To my love Sara Ann
I love you Jeremy Kell from IOPP Buddy!!!!

Hey you big stud take me to bed or lose me forever.
Happy Valentine's Day

Love Lines

Justin, I can't wait to be your wife, I want to tell the world so I'll start here,
Yours, Briana
My dearest Panda, you are my whole world! Loves! Hugs! Bug! Et Pooh Bear xoxo Bond!

I love you Andy Lee why did you leave us?

To my dearest B-RAD! I can't wait until our date on Friday. Smooches-Tiff

Love Lines

I LOVE YOU FOREVER JESS,
You make everyday of my newest best yet.
Russ

My Darling Brianne,
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Help Wanted

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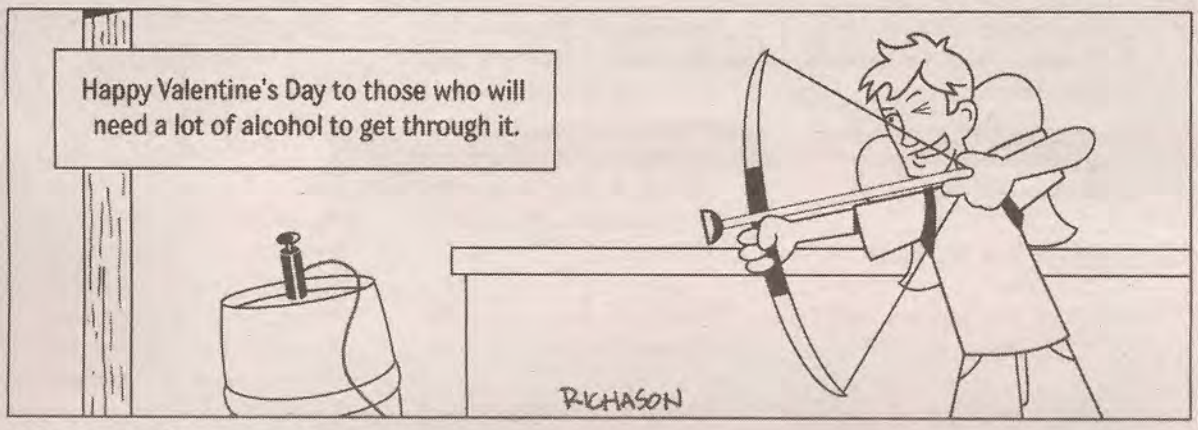
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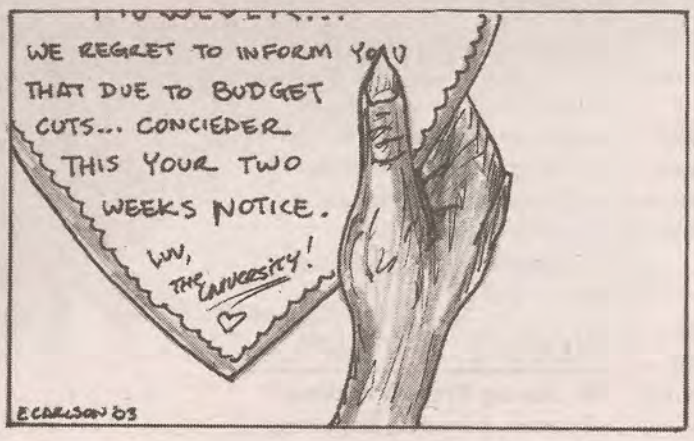
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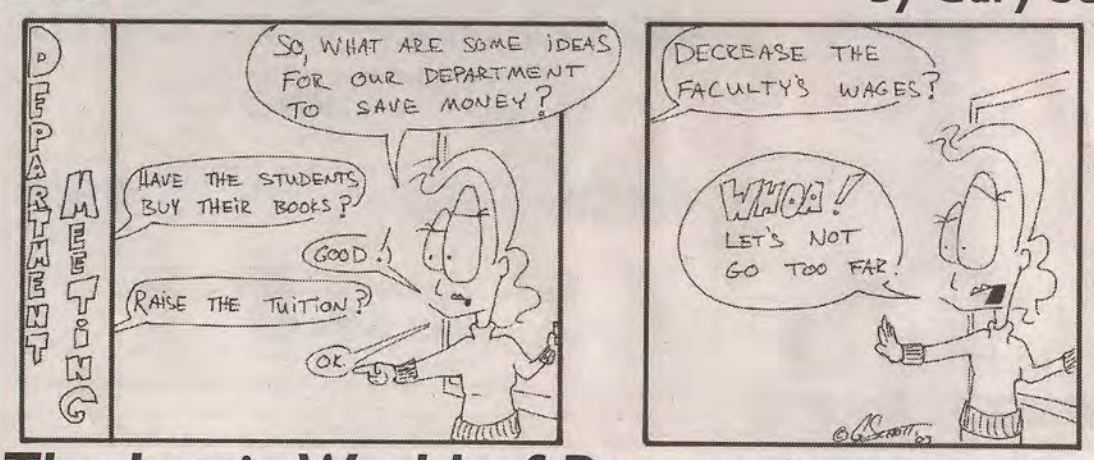
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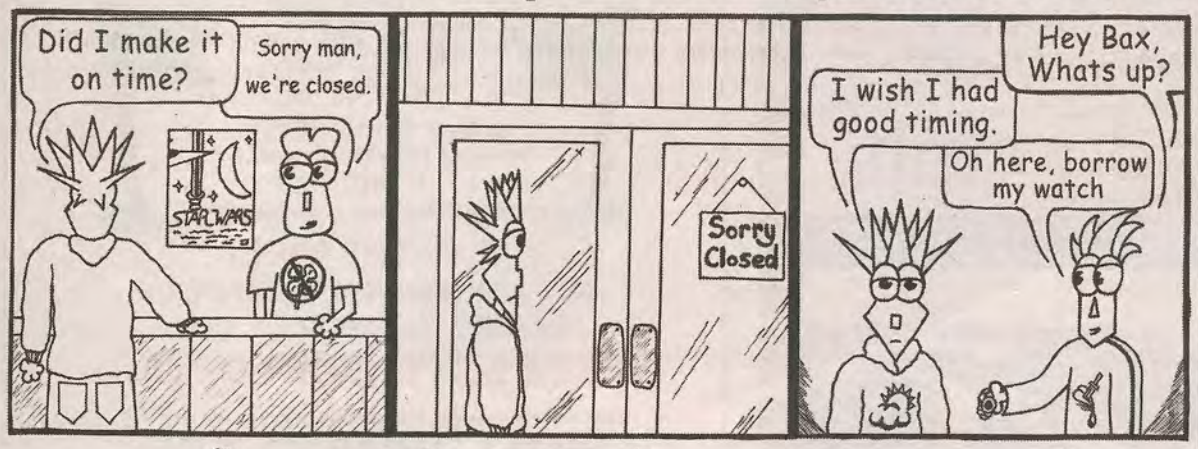
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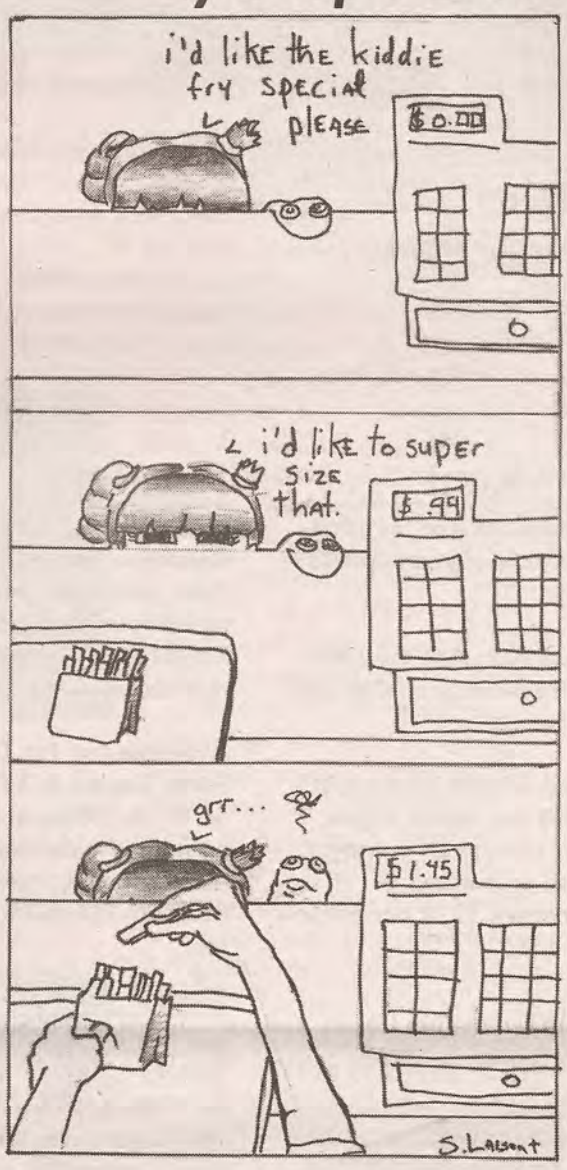
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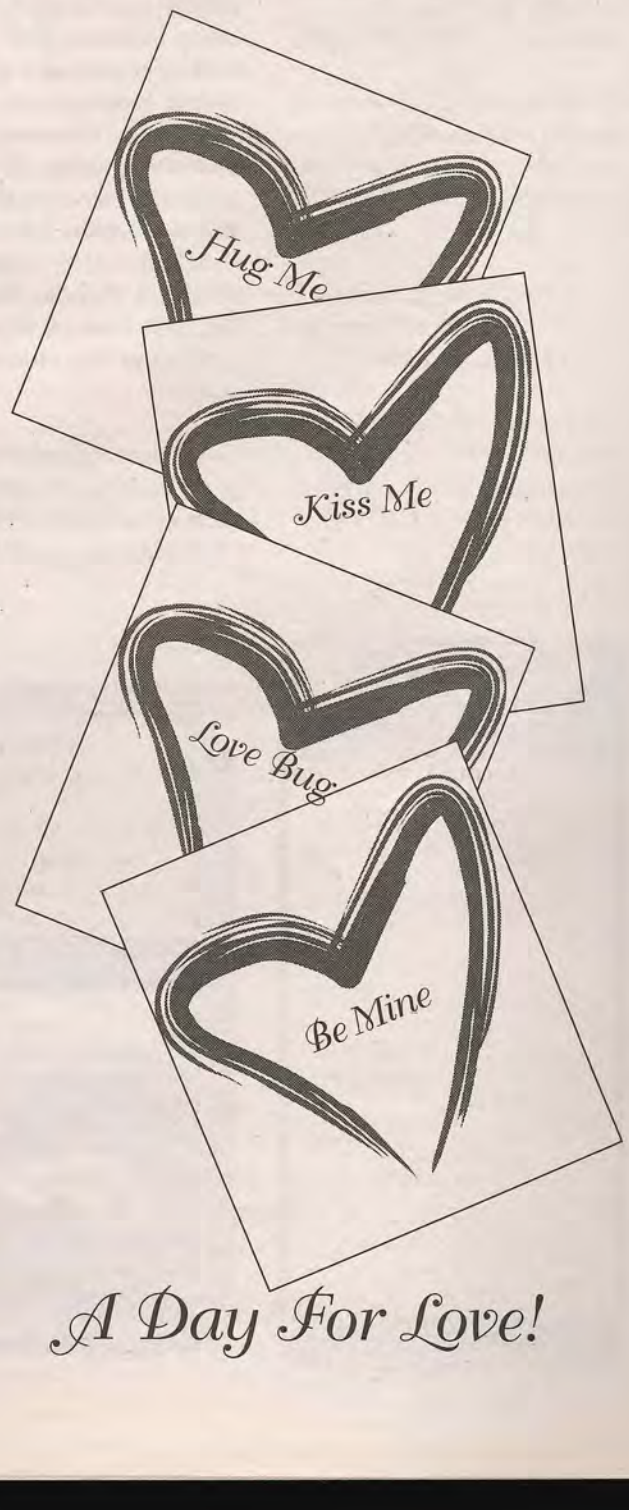
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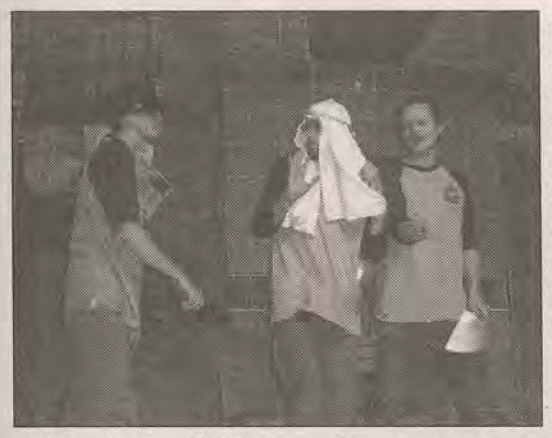
PURE JUICE
Bill Denney

Sushi Burgers? Yuck, right? Wrong! Funny!

Alpha Psi Omega, promoter of many campus events, is once again bringing to the University of Wisconsin-Stout the comedic antics of various funny men right here on campus. Whether they're "grasping the situation" or making their best "lap dance face," the performers of Sushi Burgers are sure to tickle your funny bone and split your sides.

"I laughed until my face hurt," exclaimed Jacob Scott, a freshman in manufacturing engineering.

In Huff's Lounge, for only $4 a ticket, people came to see the Jim Carrey and/or Dennis Leary hopefuls of



today last Friday and Saturday. The fast paced, hyperactive program showed what true comedians are made of. There was no time for preparation. Names were randomly drawn and when they were called, there was no turning back. Performers grabbed their props, rushed on stage, did their thing and got out, pausing for a laugh here and there.

"I could never do it," said Scott. "I guess I'm just not that funny."

Skit names range from clever puns such as "I'm too sexy for this skit" to insinuative titles, like "Doing the nasty."

This humor isn't all good, clean family fun. It's vulgar, nasty, crude and rude. Alright, it's not that bad, but it is most definitely intended for mature audiences only. Sexual innuendoes, suggestive language and profanity are present.

A unique aspect of this whole bit is that the performers are actually in the audience. The guy or girl sitting next to you in the crowd just might be the next act, and who knows, you just might draw their name.

In addition to sitting amongst the crowd, the Sushi Burgers' crew involved the audience by letting them draw the next act out of the sushi hat, as I like to call it.

Now why would someone want to put themself in front of people and subject themself to a critique?

"I love being on stage!" exclaimed Laura Oliver, a sophomore in apparel design and Sushi Burgers veteran. "I also like the attention!"

Many people simply have a knack for this performing and a lot of the Sushi Burgers performers are friends.

"The Sushi Burgers' cast is my closest circle of friends," said Oliver.

So wait for the next Sushi Burgers performance and take your shot at comedy; you may just be the next Ben Stiller. Or you can do the next best thing and go watch the performers who actually have the marbles to get up on stage.

"Sushi Burgers is honestly my favorite thing to do all year," said Oliver. "It's a great, fun experience. Theatre people are the coolest to be around!"

Comedians take the stage again at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Fri., Feb. 14 and Sat., Feb. 15. So grab your sweetie on Valentine's Day and catch some comedy. For $4 it's certainly a lot cheaper than a diamond bracelet or something cheesy like that, right?



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

The crew of Sushi Burgers have a blast performing their comedic stunts for an audience. The members are a close knit group and consider each other to be good friends.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Sushi members names are randomly drawn from a hat before they perform on stage.

When English and graphic arts collide

Matt Schubbe
The Stoutonia

Words and pictures are seen together frequently in magazines, books and newspapers. Words and pictures go hand in hand. Is there a way to combine text and images into one cohesive work?

That was the challenge that the Department of English and Philosophy at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, along with some help from graphic design students, took up.

Different poems were chosen from national and local poets by the English Department, and then were put onto posters with expressive typeface by Bill Dehoff's typography class.

"The idea of this was to encourage viewers of these posters to reflect on the artistic responses to poetry," said Professor Robert Sirabian, who was closely involved with the project.

The posters, which can be seen in places such as the Library Learning Center and Micheels Hall, also feature two poems by faculty members Robert Schuler and Brian Fitch.

"I've put a piece of art

please see Posters, page 12

The 411

Feb. 13 - Feb. 20

Thursday, Feb.13
>Noon-1 p.m., Cross-Country Skiing Workshop, 56 Johnson Fieldhouse
>6 p.m., Valentine's Pot-luck, North Hall Kitchen
>7 p.m., "The Underground Railroad," CKTO Founder s Room
>7 p.m., Conversations of Peace: The Iraqi People, UWEC Davies Center
>7:30 p.m. Date Auction, Huff s
>8 p.m., Open Mic Night, Heritage Caf

Friday, Feb. 14
Happy Valentine s Day!
>6 p.m., Friendship Dinner, Leisure Service Center, 1412 6th St, $15.00, res: 235-6970
>6:30 & 8 p.m., Sushi Burgers 4, Huff s, $4
>7 p.m., Gymnastics vs. Hamline
>7-10 p.m., "Love & Jazz," The Creamery, Downsville, WI

Saturday, Feb. 15
>10 a.m., Farmer to Farmer Annual Meeting, Friends Meeting House, www.wis-peace.org,
>1p.m., "Columbia in Crisis," Tom Bottolene, speaker
>6 p.m., Scholarship Ball, Great Hall, $80 per person, res: 232-1151.
>6:30 & 8 p.m., Sushi Burgers 4, Huff s, $4
>7 p.m., Men s Basketball vs. UW-Platteville

Sunday, Feb. 16

Monday, Feb. 17
>6 p.m., AIESEC, meeting, 208 Home Economics.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

Wednesday, Feb.19
>7 p.m. Dance Marathon, fundraiser, Huff s

Thursday, Feb. 20
>Noon-1p.m., Cross Country Skiing II, Red Cedar Trail
>4 p.m., Body Image Discussion, 425 Bowman Hall
>7-9 p.m., "For a Just Peace Between Israelis and Palestinians," Cathy Sultan, speaker, Menomonie Leisure Center, 1412 6th Ave.
>8 p.m., Recycled Percussion, Great Hall, $5/students $10/public

Have anything to add to the Campus Calander? Send suggestions to Belinda @ Stoutonia or lewisb@uwstout.edu

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B a g e l s . com back with a bang



Brianna Schrader
Amy Koeppe
The Stoutonia

Re-opened with pizzas, delivery and night-time hours

Mainstreet Menomonie has made yet another comeback. Chris Paisley and his wife will soon be moving to Menomonie so they can be closer to their new business, Bagels.com.

Natives of Glenwood City, Wisc., the owners decided to move here because they like the area better, and thought it was more diverse in culture.

The restaurant, reopened just three weeks ago, is known for its computer stations with Internet access, but is also offering a few different items and services not previously available.

New to Bagels.com is gourmet pizza. They make three different varieties: gourmet, pesto and garlic. The pizzas are reasonably priced and comparable to the pizzas at Pizza Luche in Minneapolis, Minn., that has been rated No. 1 numerous times in City Pages Magazine.

Another new addition to the restaurant, beginning soon, is a delivery service for those that do not feel like braving the cold. The restaurant will also now be open evenings for business.

Obviously, the bagel selection is outstanding, but gourmet coffee blends and salads are also available.

Bagels.com offers six computers with Internet access for customers to use, free of charge. They are currently being upgraded to offer high-speed Internet service.

Employment opportunities are slim at the restaurant, however. After receiving over 100 applications since the re-opening of the restaurant, Paisley said that for the time being all positions are filled.

Many people may wonder why an establishment with the name Bagles.com has no website. Not to worry! Soon customers will be able to go online to http://www.menomoniebagels.com and view the website. Paisley said it should be up and running soon.

Whether a first time customer or a veteran of the old Bagels.com, students are urged to stop by and try it out. By showing a University of Wisconsin-Stout ID, students can obtain a 10 percent discount on purchases.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Bagels.com on Main Street was re-opened three weeks ago with new owners from Glenwood City. The restaurant now offers pizza, a delivery service and night-time business hours.

Posters / department poetry collaboration benefits many

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by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

Poetry posters demonstrating the art of words and typography are on display in the lobby of the Library Learning Center. The posters were a collaborative work of the English and graphic design departments.

out that can be interpreted two ways," said Schuler, author of the poem "Early Thaw." " By the words and the patterns they create, and then by reading the patterns the graphic artist has created from them."

This is the second year that the poster project has taken place.

Originally showcasing poetry with a tragic theme after the Sept. 11 attacks, this year's theme is Man's Responses to Nature.

The benefits to a campaign such as this are more than aesthetic.

"I think it has a number of beneficial aspects," said Brian Fitch, English professor and author of the poem "Autumn." "One being cross-departmental cooperation. English working with graphic design shows that literature and language can take many forms."

Other faculty members gave similar sentiments about the benefits to the university community in relation to poetry and art.

"The poems are made more accessible by visually mapping out the rhythm of the language and the phrasing of the poems," said Jonna Gjevre, English professor, who was responsible for starting the original poetry poster project.

The posters have been on display in the library and Micheels Hall since Feb. 10, and will continue to be shown for the next few weeks.

Other posters will be displayed in random locations throughout the campus for the rest of the semester.

Happy Valentine's Day

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Lovely weather for a sleigh ride together



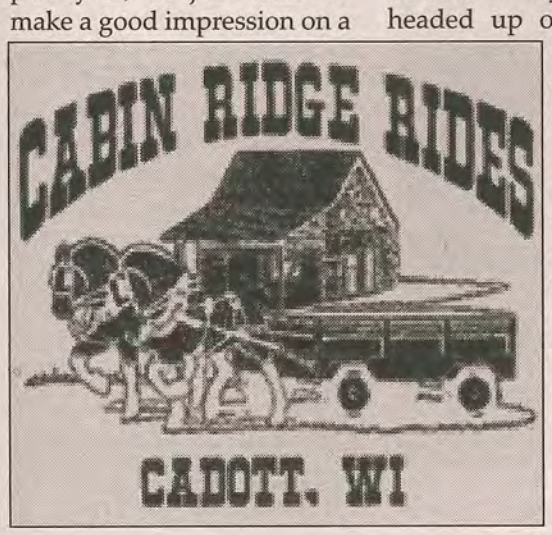
ALLSMILES
Brianna Schrader

Valentine's Day gifts are pretty standard each year. The usual bouquet of roses, sappy card, box of candies and cute little stuffed bear are anything but original.

If you have been a not-so-good significant other this past year, or just want to make a good impression on a new sweetie, have no fear, a romantic day in a horse-drawn sleigh is the perfect way for you to display your feelings this holiday.

Last weekend, my boyfriend, who is always looking for unique ways to surprise me, took me on a wintery, horse-drawn sleigh ride through the snowy pine and hardwood forest at Cabin Ridge in Cadott, Wisc. (This was to be my early Valentine's gift since we both work on the actual holiday.)

Two larger-than-life draft horses, Breezy and Charlie, headed up our tour along with a driver and a pile of blankets.



Our ride in a private sleigh lasted about an hour and, yes, it was cold, but that is why you bring someone to cuddle with.

Sliding through 400 acres of snow-covered branches and listening to the dead silence of winter provided for a peaceful and romantic journey.

Granted, Breezy nonchalantly dropped a load halfway through the ride and by the time we returned to the farm I could no longer feel my feet, but it was a very memorable time. Topping my list of previous Valentine's gifts, this was a day I will never forget.

The sleigh ride took us past the homemade cabins, Christmas tree lot and pavillion facilities as well as the quaint wedding chapel.

I counted more than 20 different horses wandering around the farm and several types of wagons parked in the lot.

The cost of the sleigh ride was a little on the expensive side. After taxes we paid in excess of $40, but the cost was worth the unique, romantic ride and friendly service.

Cabin Ridge also offers wagon rides, stagecoach tours, group parties in their pavilions or cabins and wedding ceremonies at their outdoor chapel.

Getting to Cabin Ridge is fairly quick and easy; it is just beyond the Lake Wissota, Wisc. area, off County Road X.

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Being an athlete and a student



TALKTIME
Rebecca Werner

College is made up of a lot of hard work, dedication and occasionally even sleep. For a lot of people, joining a sport would be out of the question.

It would be incorrect to say that college and sports are easy, but it would also be incorrect to say that it isn't worth the effort.

I have found that being in sports keeps me on task by giving me a more consistent schedule and by showing me how to apply self-discipline.

Another bonus to playing a sport is the level of fitness aquired.

"I'm in some of the best physical health," said freshman buisness major Tim Neilson. "Mentally too, because I know I am trying my hardest out there. It makes me feel good."

Not only do sports contribute to a person's mental health and obviously physical health, but they also allow people to become friends with others that they wouldprobably not have met otherwise.



courtesy of, Sports Information

Being a student athlete may be difficult but has many rewards. The different sports programs available at the University of Wisconsin-Stout are well diverse. This allows students to find a sport compatable for their schedule and interests.

"That is one of my main reasons for playing," said Neilson. "I get to meet a whole new group of people."

Another fear for students is the myth that college sports are intimidating. I would have to say the opposite. It is more challenging than high school sports, but it is not a negative journey.

On the contrary, there are some people who find their sport to be the highlight of their day. I find it to be a time of neutrality in my busy schedule.

"I have to go to practice," said senior early childhood major Mara Anderson. "It is such a stress reliever."

The last positive feature to joining a sport is the place it has on your resume. Employer's may be impressed to see that along with a healthy GPA you also made extra-curricular commitments.

If a heavy work schedule is keeping you from joining a sport, then just remember that we have the rest of our lives to work, but now is the opportunity to play a college level sport.

If the school does not have a program for your sport of interest, there are alternatives. The University of Wisconsin-Stout offers a wide variety of intramural sports for its students, along with the varsity programs.

If a person is interested in joining a varsity sport, they can find the needed information at http://www.uwstout.edu/athletics/.

If the sport you are looking for is not listed, then visit http://www.uwstout.edu/univrec/im/. There you will find information regarding intramural programs.

Now may be the last chance to give it a try. Join a sport, even a new one, and you might surprise yourself.

You have nothing to lose by joining, so make some time in your schedule to join a sport, increase overall health, boost your resume and make new friends.

Trying to prove you are what you eat



FITLIVING
Ann Syrstad

According to the USDA's Food Guide Pyramid, five servings of fruit per day are recommended. We all know that fruit should be eaten each day in order to have a balanced diet, but what is it about fruit that makes it so healthy?

Just like the human body, the majority of fruit is composed of water. It only seems logical to consume foods that contain as much water as your body. There is no other food that contains as much water as fruit. The water in fruit helps to cleanse your inner body and get rid of unnecessary toxins.

Fruit also helps to stimulate memory. Researchers at http://www.thefruitpages.com state that fruit is the ultimate brain fuel that helps to recall information easier and faster than any other food. Try eating fruit before an exam for an added boost and see what the results are.

There have also been stories about people getting cured from cancer after eating a diet of raw fruits and/or vegetables.

Depressed people that eat five pieces of fruit a day have a better chance of getting out of their depression.

Stories such as these are often hard to believe and many claim that research still needs to be done. Until then, doctors say to keep eating fruit.

Too much cholesterol is harmful to our bodies, but with fruit, there is no need to worry.

Fruit is 100 percent cholesterol-free, making it an extremely healthy snack.

It is known that a diet high in fiber helps defeat high blood pressure, as well as heart disease.

But where can you get food high in fiber? Fruit of course!

Believe it or not, fruit is also a very inexpensive part of any diet. Take a closer look at how much you spend on other foods per individual serving. It is not uncommon to find that fruit is much more profitable than most other foods. It may be worth replacing some of those higher priced foods with fruit. If fruit is the healthiest thing a person can eat, why not spend some money on yourself?

Sam Court, a sophomore studying choreography at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire said, "Fruit is the healthiest thing a person can eat and also my favorite food group."

Whit Duggan from the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse says, "I like fruit too."

It is important to keep in mind that it is not possible to live entirely on fruit!

Proteins are crucial when building muscles, tissue and hair. Remember to eat a portion of protein a couple of times a day while balancing your diet with fruit to get the necessary benefits.

In other words: the more fruit you eat, the more you will get out of it.



courtesy of, www.funroom.com

Fruit is 100 percent cholesterol-free, making it an very healthy snack. It also contains high amounts of water.

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Reviewing the week in sports

Jimmy Weideman
The Stoutonia

Men's Hockey

On Fri, Feb. 7, the University of Wisconsin-Stout lost to Lake Forest College 5-3.

After Lake Forest jumped out to an early lead after only 97 seconds into the game, UW-Stout junior Dan Riffe wasted no time answering with only 2 minutes, 18 seconds into the game.

Sophomore John Schaffner also scored two goals to put the Blue Devils out to a 3-1 lead.

Junior goalie Jeff Dotson could not hold off Lake Forest when they came alive halfway through the secondperiod, beginning by scoring three straight goals. The last of the three goals were scored on an empty net with ten seconds to seal the deal.

On Sat., Feb. 8, the Blue Devils lost to No. 1 ranked St. Norbert College, 6-1.

After being outscored 5-0, UW-Stout junior Nate Legler scored with eight minutes remaining in the game.

St. Norbert scored the final goal of the game with five minutes to keep the game out of reach.

The Blue Devils are the No. 7 seed and will begin a two-day playoff series Fri., Feb. 14 at No. 2 seeded University of Wisconsin-Superior. Tickets will not be sold in advance; they will be available at the door.

Gymmastics

On Fri. Feb. 7, the UW-Stout Blue Devils placed 4th in a five-team meet at the Gershon/ McLellan Invitational at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse.

Senior Tiffany Reber placed in the top five in four events to help the Blue Devils. Reber also received Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) gymnast of the week with her results. This is the second time this year Reber has received gymnast of the week from the WIAC.

UW-Stout will host Hamline University and the University of Wisconsin-Madison's club team on Fri., Feb. 14.

Men's Track

Early in the Blue Devils season, junior Lewis Cassellius was the team's lone 1st place finisher at UW-Stout's own Warren Bowlus Invitational, Sat. Feb 8.



courtesy of, Sports Information

The men's hockey team lost on Feb. 7, to Lake Forrest College, but junior goalie Jeff Dotson played an excellent game. However, the Blue Devils could not pull the win.

Cassellius won the pole vault with a leap of 14-feet, 6 inches. Senior Eric Moe took home a pair of 3rd place finishes in the long jump (21'-3.5") and triple jump (44'-9.75").

Freshman Brian Anderson ended up finishing 2nd in the 55-meterhurdles (8.09 seconds).

Freshmen Jason Geiger was 5th in the pole vault (13'-6.50") and freshmen Justin Feiten was 7th (12'-6.75"). Freshmen Mark Kempen was 6th in the 800-meter race (1:59.86).

Freshmen Ryan Carpenter was 7th in the triple jump (42'-11.50") and sophmore Brady Hurtgen was 8th in the 55-meter dash (6.80).

As a team, UW-Stout placed 5th. The Blue Devils will compete at the Wisconsin/Minnesota Challenge, Sat., Feb. 15 in Northfield, Minn.

Track & Field

Men's Upcoming Schedule

Sat., Feb. 15
Wis/Minn Border Battle
Northfield, Minn.
Noon

Fri., Feb. 21
Blue Devil Open
Menomonie, Wis.
4 p.m.

Sat., Mar. 1
at St. Olaf Invite
Northfield, Minn.
Noon

Mar. 7-8
WIAC Championships
Oshkosh, Wis.
Noon

Mar. 14-15 at NCAA
DIII Championships
DePauw University hosts
Greencastle, Ind.
10 a.m.

Women's Upcoming Schedule

Sat., Feb. 15
Wis/Minn Border Battle
Northfield, Minn.
Noon

Fri., Feb. 21
Blue Devil Open
Menomonie, Wis.
4 p.m.

Fri., Feb. 28
St. Olaf Invite
Northfield, Minn.
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Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Tiffany Reber

The Facts:
Gymnastics
Sophomore
Mantorville, MN
Dietetics

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Reber finished in the top five of four events on Fri., Feb. 7 at University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. She was 3rd in the vault, 5th on the uneven bars , 3rd on the floor exercise and 2nd in the all-around. Reber's uneven bar and floor exercises were season best scores.

The week of Jan. 21 she was named WIAC athlete of the week. In 2002 she was WIAC vault champion, placing 4th in all-around. She qualified for the 2002 NCGA National Championship. She also holds the vault record at University of Wisconsin-River Falls.

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It's Dennis Erickson everyone!



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Dennis Erickson? Had I known the 49ers were looking for anyone with a pulse to be their coach, I would have applied. Erickson is leaving Oregon State after reviving that less-than-perfect program. New York Jets defensive coordinator, Ted Cottrell, was also in the running to take on the responsibility of babysitting Terrell Owens, but on Tuesday morning Erickson agreed to a five-year contract at $2.5 million per year.

First of all, it must have been a "whoever signs first" kind of deal because Cottrell is by far the more proven NFL coach. But more importantly, what kind of team gives a new coach with a losing record $2.5 million a year? Not even the Bengal's are that bad.

I recently received some interesting email. A Stoutonia reader was under the impression that I was a Packers fan and wrote asking me to show Minnesota some respect. Well, seeing how I am wearing a University of Minnesota hat in the headshot that accompanies my column, believe me when I say that I give Minnesota credit when and where it is due.

Two such instances come to mind with the recent All-Star games. In the NHL, Marion Gaborik of the Minnesota Wild played in his first All-Star game and scored a goal, and had two assists. Another of Minnesota's golden sons had an excellent performance in the NBA All-Star game. Kevin Garnet racked up 37 points and was the MVP in the West's 155-145 win over the East.

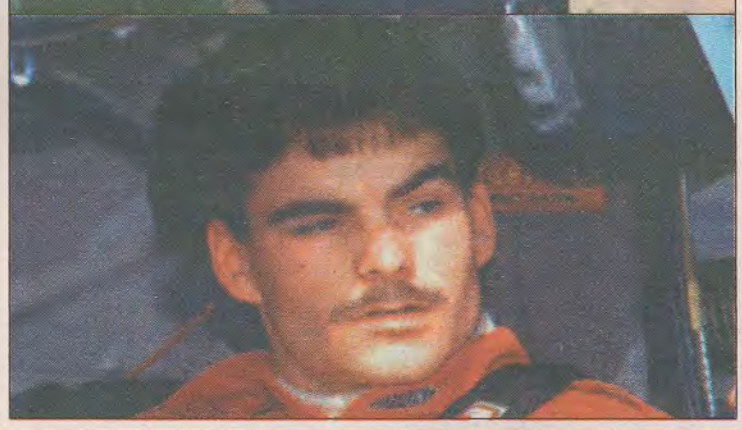
That's enough about Minnesota. Time to switch over to Wisconsin and the joy that is at the Brewers spring training camp. Right now, the "brew crew" is in such rough shape there might be a year where the Bucks win more games than the Brewers.

I don't mean to be ripping on Wisconsin teams, but the Brewers are just about the worst team in the majors. Only Kansas City and Tampa Bay have a chance at stopping Milwaukee from donning the crown of worst team this upcoming season.

Speaking of new seasons, the Daytona 500 is coming up this weekend, and if I had to pick a winner for the season opening race, I'd say Dale Earnhardt Jr. Does that mean I think Junior finally has what it takes to win the cup? Not a chance. He's not experienced enough yet. Look for youngsters like Ryan Newman, Kurt Busch and Jimmie Johnson to push Tony Stewart and Jeff Gordon for the point lead through the season. Who will win it all? I don't know. How about Yao Ming? Nobody's hotter than him right now.







Top: courtesy of, ESPN.com/page2

Middle: courtesy, milwaukee.brewers.mlb.com

Bottom: courtesy of, Sports Illustrated

Top: Former Oregon State coach Dennis Erickson was recently hired to coach the SanFrancisco 49ers for five years at $2.5 million a season.

Middle: Bernie Brewer shows his team spirit at MillerPark. Bernie might not have much to cheer about if the Brewers do not turn things around quickly.

Bottom: Jeff Gordon has not had a mustache in years, and it might just be years before another driver starts dominating NASCAR like him.

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The newspaper by the students for the University of Wisconsin-Stout community

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UW-Stout graduates appear on "Friends" episode tonight. Tune into NBC at 7 p.m.

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student life

Students with dyslexia can get special accomodations and help from the university.

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Students take part in a SSA sponsored protest Wednesday in response to Gov. Doyle's budget proposal.

by Andrea Nies, The Stoutonia

Worst case scenario a reality

With cuts imminent, who will be willing to give back to UW-Stout?

Stoutonia Staff

The Stoutonia

Mark Fenton is the kind of professor who isn't willing to leave anyone behind.

A University of Wisconsin-Stout alumnus and son of former UW-Stout professor Paul Fenton, Fenton has been teaching business for four years.

Recently in his International Management class, Fenton, who makes $40,520, went out of his way to make international students feel welcome.

Fenton, who is already at the bottom of the wage scale, is willing to do his part in this budget crisis.

"If there is a pay cut, it should be of an equal percentage, across the board," said Fenton. "It should be a shared cut for a couple of years."

Although few students have contact with Provost Robert Sedlak, he is still willing to listen to student needs.

Sedlak is also a finalist for President of Millersville College in Pennsylvania. His $129,000 salary is being called into question with the budget crisis.

"I give $11,000 to charity every year," said Sedlak when asked if he would take a $40,000 pay-cut to keep one staff position.

Eighty-five percent of the university's budget is personnel, meaning that positions will likely be cut.

It is estimated that the school will lose 25 to 30 positions.

Business assistant professor Thor Burntvedt, who makes $44,811 after nine years at UW-Stout, knows that he is making less than professors at many other universities.

"If we are asked to sacrifice salaries, I want to know that administration is doing the same," said Burntvedt, who drives a 15-year-old car.

So what will the impact be on students? Some speculate that it will mean larger class sizes and a decrease in the quality of education. Currently, academic staff teaches 12 credit hours or four three-credit classes per semester. This may be raised to 15 credit hours and five three-credit classes.

"This budget cut is distressing to me on a personal level," said Julie Keown-Bomar, a lecturer who is making $27,131. "I am part-time academic staff and because of my status, I understand I may lose my job. We have been thoroughly informed of the gravity of the situation and are in the process of trying to figure out how to make the personnel reductions."

"I would love to continue working at Stout, as I feel like I have many contributions yet to make. If I have to teach more credit hours and/or more students, it will certainly affect my style of teaching and, ultimately, how well my students learn the subject material and engage with the issues."

"I encourage lots of class discussion, student research and writing. I also make genuine efforts to get to know each student. This style of pedagogy is ill-suited for larger classes."

Her views were echoed by Martha Wallen, a tenured foreign language professor.

"People are already working too hard, trying to meet all the expectations of committees and technology, as well as meeting the needs of students and advisees," said Wallen, who is making $67,198. "It doesn't seem possible to add more students to our classes, since we already have, in many cases, more students than we have chairs, and classroom space seems hard to expand. Students need small classes and a chance to interact individually with their professors to end up with a good education."

Another consequence of the budget crisis may be losing professors to industry.

"I would expect to make twice as much salary in industry," said Burntvedt. "I stay because I love working with students."

For younger professors, the salary decrease may make a difference. When asked if he would be okay with no raise for two years, tenured Professor Jerry Coomer replied that he would be fine because it's the end of his career.

"My family is raised, educated and married off," said Coomer, who makes $86,603. "I feel sorry for those still raising a family. Life's bills are paid off."

Nick Coenen, Julie Helgeson, Amanda Herr, Aaron Hines, Jessica Krejci, Tiffany Laschinger, Rachel Mounce and Curt Trnka contributed to this story.

University of Wisconsin-Stout
2002-2003 Redbook Yearly Salaries

Administration

Name	Position	Salary
Charles Sorensen	Chancellor	$172,500
Robert Sedlak	Provost	$129,000
Diane Moen	Vice Chancellor	$118,582
John Murphy	CAS Dean	$113,862
John Wesolek	HDFS Dean	$108,340
Robert Meyer	CTEM Dean	$107,575
Pinckney Hall	Dean of Students	$89,330
John Enger	University Relations	$79,217

During the current budget constraints, it is important that the students as well as the public in general is aware exactly where the money is going. As cuts to salaries become imminent, decisions must be made as to who must take a cut in pay or even lose a job. The highest and least ten paid professors of each college can be found on page 2.

The complete listing of administration, faculty and staff salaries which are public record can be found at http://www.uwsa.edu/budplan/redbook/.

by Nick Coenen, The Stoutonia

NEWS

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 30° Low 9° Partly Cloudy	High 26° Low -3° Partly Cloudy	High 17° Low -16° Partly Cloudy

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Cutting programs and pastimes

Aleshia Brouwer
The Stoutonia

The alarming budget crisis is hovering all over campus, leaving puzzling questions about the future unanswered.

With a projected loss of $2 million likely for the University of Wisconsin-Stout, specific departments are being analyzed, re-organized, and facing the struggle of mere survival.

"I'm going to have optimism about what the future holds," said UW-Stout softball coach Christine Stainer. As a part of the athletic department her position is uncertain.

The athletic department, intramurals, Stout Solutions and placement and co-op services are the four main non-credit funded activities being largely cut. All departments have been asked to come up with possible scenarios for survival in light of the extreme lack of funding.

"I just hope we don't lose too many good teachers," said Micah Vrieze, sophomore in construction management. "It's hard enough already to get into the classes you need."

Though the future for these areas is still uncertain, the university is trying to unite all areas in which cuts may be drastic, but survivable.



by Andrea Nies, The Stoutonia

The men's baseball team practices for their upcoming season. Future seasons of baseball at UW-Stout may be cut due to the worst financial crisis in the state's history.

"It's serious, but not final," said Chancellor Charles Sorensen.

He has pointed out that the areas that don't produce credit will take a hard financial blow. By late March however, things will become more concrete.

The softball and baseball teams may face an especially fierce struggle. Still not completely equipped with acceptable fields on campus, the women's softball team currently travels to play at Wakanda Park.

"We're one of the three top conferences in the nation," said Stainer. "So even though we're in a northern state we're still very competitive."

> "I just hope we don't lose too many good teachers. It's hard to get into the class you need."
>
> **Micah Vrieze**
> *soph., construction*

Optimistic outlooks are still in the minds of program directors, as well as the student teams. With the possibility of working together and relying on successful fundraising, the athletic department is still holding on to hope.

The intramurals program may have to re-structure the hours for the multi-purpose room in the fieldhouse and could face losses for a variety of programs.

"We're hoping not to cut programs, maybe just cut back programs," said Lori Anda-Bowen, coordinator of University recreation and intramurals.

Stout Solutions is anticipating nearly a 20 percent decrease in funding. The program works with distance education, including many of the weekend courses offered on campus, along with the learning technologies, which puts on the laptop training and rollout.

"It would mean a slowdown of some of the services we have," said Howard Lee, executive director of Stout Solutions.

Placement and co-op services is realizing the severity of the situation and the likelihood of losing aspects of their program. They're hoping to find a plan that won't cut too much from UW-Stout's placement office while still keeping the co-op aspect running smoothly.

"We are trying our hardest to comply with the requests and make this as painless as well," said LaMont Meinen, director of placement and co-op. "Even though we have the co-op part, a lot of things we do are not directly related to classroom activities."

The budget cuts are becoming more realistic and applicable each week. Each department must face the loss of money, while still holding high standards.

University of Wisconsin-Stout 2002-2003 Redbook Yearly Salaries

by Nick Coenen, The Stoutonia

Arts & Sciences			CTEM			HDFS		
Name	**Position**	**Salary**	**Name**	**Position**	**Salary**	**Name**	**Position**	**Salary**
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Martin Ondrus	Professor	$78,115	Peter Heimdahl	Professor	$88,781	Frederick Menz	Professor	$96,779
Bruce Johnston	Professor	$76,969	Jerry Coomer	Professor	$86,603	Esther Fahm	Professor	$93,122
Nasser Hadidi	Professor	$73,979	Mehar Arora	Professor	$84,254	Edwin Biggerstaff	Professor	$91,638
Susan Thurin	Professor	$72,688	Jonas Amoapim	Professor	$82,335	Karl Botterbusch	Professor	$87,723
Ronald Verdon	Professor	$72,675	Don Olson	Professor	$81,977	Karen Zimmerman	Professor	$86,891
Mark Larchez	Professor	$72,413	Rita Christoffersen	Professor	$80,281	Judith Herr	Professor	$84,213
Dennis Mikkelson	Professor	$70,117	Hans Timper	Professor	$78,191	Leland Nicholls	Professor	$82,850
Daniel Riordan	Professor	$69,202	Richard Vomela	Professor	$73,621	Charles Metelka	Professor	$77,026
Beatrice Bigony	Professor	$69,158	Hugh Williamson	Professor	$73,073	Joseph Holland	Professor	$74,719
Claudia Smith	Professor	$68,472	Robert Berkemer	Professor	$72,975	Janice Coker	Professor	$72,013
10 Lowest Paid			10 Lowest Paid			10 Lowest Paid		
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Police Beat



Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Police

Obscene caller with fetish
A Memorial Student Center service desk worker reported a disturbing phone call to police on Dec. 12. The worker said the caller sounded like an older male. He was breathing heavily and said, "You are the most sexiest little blond I have ever seen." The caller ID traced the call to x3494, which is a number to the service desk.

Dog in building
On Feb. 13 an officer was dispatched to the Vocational Rehabilitation building for a reported dog in the building. Upon arrival, the officer found a large husky. The dog was transported to the animal shelter.

Stolen monitor
A faculty member reported on Feb. 13 that a 15-inch computer monitor was stolen from room 409 Harvey Hall. The monitor had been locked down. The bolt locking the monitor was broken and lying on the floor. Custodians stated that the room was locked overnight. There was no sign of forced entry. The value of the monitor is $530.

Mail carrier mishap
A UW-Stout mailroom staff member reported on Feb. 10 that he had struck a post while delivering mail to Millennium Hall on that day. He was driving on the sidewalk to the northwest of Millennium Hall when he struck the post causing minor damage. The driver's side rear tire scratched the post and caused a "dimple" dent. The damage was photographed and cataloged.

University Briefs



Web site redesign
A test version of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's new Web site is now online. The prototype represents only the top layers of the new site and its navigation. Department and administration sites have not been converted to the new site. View the new design at http://stats.uwstout.edu. Any comments or suggestions can be submitted at the site.

Provost invited to interview
UW-Stout Provost Robert Sedlak has been extended an invitation to interview at Millersville University in Pennsylvania for the position of president.

"I want to make it clear that I'm not actively seeking other positions," Sedlak wrote in an all-faculty and staff e-mail. "I love working here, but this was an opportunity that fit my background and skills quite well and I was encouraged to apply. These opportunities are rare."

If Sedlak is chosen for the position, that will leave the second highest position at UW-Stout vacant. The provost oversees the academic and student affairs division and fills in when the chancellor is out of town.

New certificate offered
Beginning in the fall 2003 semester, a certificate program in creative writing will be offered. The program is designed to enhance effective skills in communicating with a wide variety of people and creative problem solving techniques in any profession. The creative writing certificate is offered through the English department, but is not affiliated with any degree diploma. Contact Brian Fitch, developer of the program, at fitchb@uwstout.edu for more information.

University Briefs are compiled by Amanda Herr

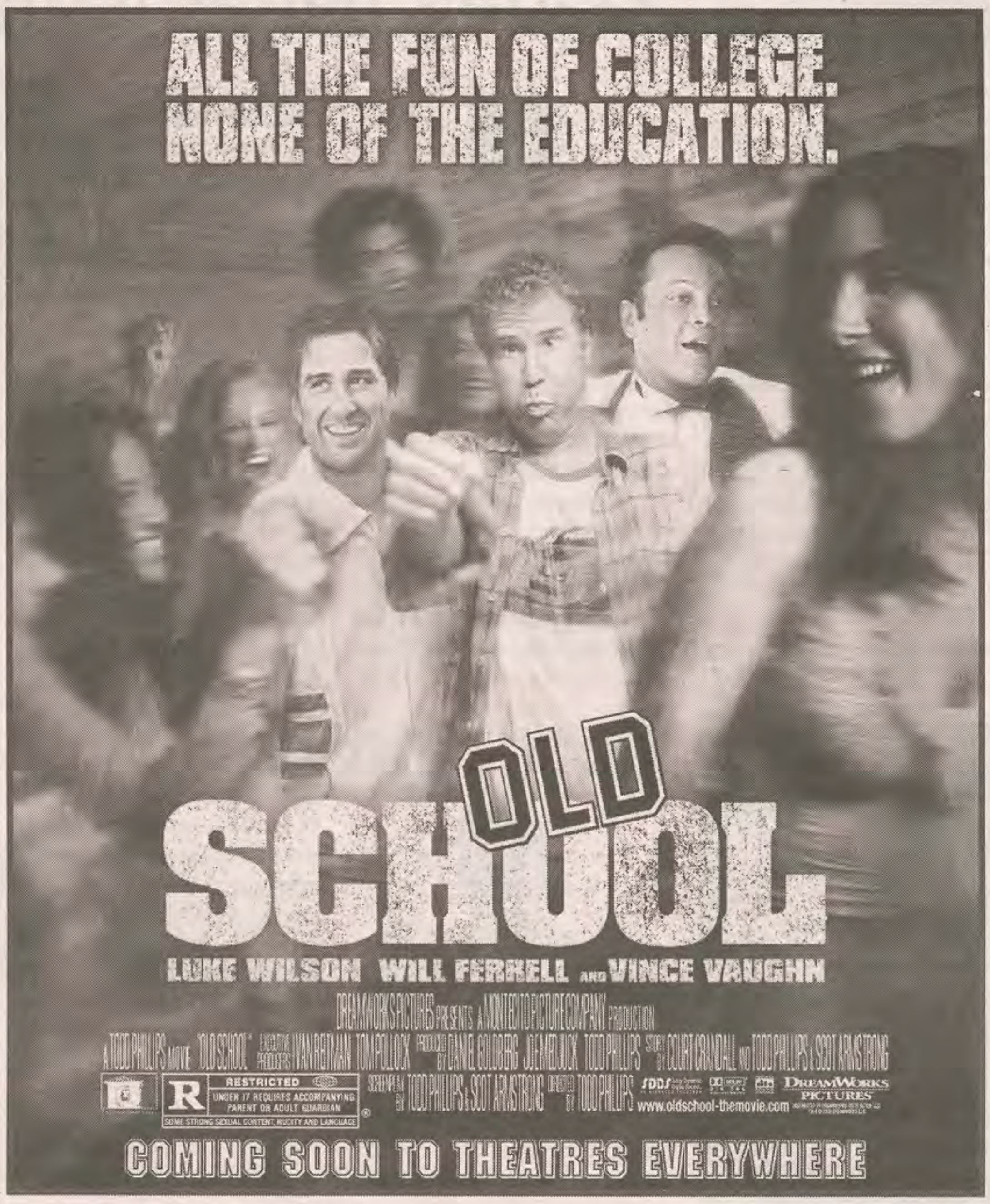
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Protest was a great idea, but just a little late



Protesting is such a great way to get a person's attention.

People walk across campus and when protesters stand in their way they have no choice but to notice the protested issue that is at hand.

This Wednesday, protesters were out on the campus to show that they did not support the Wisconsin state government's plans to cut the budget and the funds to their education.

While there is no doubt that the issue was a very important one with a large impact, one has to wonder why the protest took place after the state budget had already been released.

It could be that there were delays with the setup or with the organization somewhere along the way, but for a protest to truly be affective it needs to be done enough in advance to give the public a chance to act on the protest's message.

With the UW System taking almost two-fifths of the total cut, college students should be upset about the issue.

Students were not asked if they would like to raise tuition, nor are they ever, but when the results of a cut have such a forceful effect on students, they should at least know the facts.

A more timely protest would have given students at this campus more time to react in one way or another.

Maybe because we are all just trying to get through college we would have sat around and played our Xbox's or what-have-you's, but isn't it equally possible that some of the student population would have heard the message and acted on it?

The protest was a great idea, and hopefully when another issue needs student attention there will be a more timely answer.

Dating better without the dating part



LOLADI
Diane Wichern

Call me unconventional, call me naïve, call me anything you want, but it won't change a thing: I don't like the idea of "dating."

I detest the stigma that comes along with the title. I think that being influenced by those preconceived notions while trying to get to know someone can screw up an eventual friendship indefinitely.

Marla Singer said, "The glass slipper is the condom of our generation. You slip it on when you meet a stranger, dance all night; then toss it the condom, not the stranger."

The fact that so many people don't see a problem with that mantra is, quite frankly, disturbing. It insinuates that we don't need anything more than the proverbial piece. It tells us that we're just fine with our one night stands and the awkward morning after. And I don't believe in that.

Now I have a cynics' view of dating, I'll freely admit that. I define dating not by the idea of spending time with someone you're fundamentally attracted to, but rather as an unstable and insecure way to try and meet new people.

I have an aversion to the labels we force ourselves to don when we "date," especially when the people dating are using the environment of dating in order to get to know one another.

Dating to me is a series of awkward conversations (or lack thereof) that eventually lead either into someone's bed or out the front door. It's a farce; a fallacy; a fake concept that forces people to look at each other with theoretical beer goggles on.

This awkward approach to dating forces people into situations where they don't show their true colors. They don't rely on their own personalities but rather on whatever bubble they're hiding in at the time.

I for one would much rather meet someone in the more conventional, hand-shaking way. It allows so much more freedom of

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Peace protesters have wrong message



COMMONSENSE
John Harsdorf

As I watched the news over the weekend, I couldn't help but notice the protests around our country and the world protesting a future war in Iraq. While I think it's important we exercise our American rights to freedom of speech and the right to peacefully assemble, I must truly say the images I saw of these protests would have made our forefather's stomachs turn.

I can only imagine their distraught in seeing an American citizen holding their American flag upside down at one of these protests. I couldn't believe what I was seeing. Was this an anti-war protest or was it an anti-America protest?

In fact, that is exactly what it was, the protests held in San Francisco were in fact sponsored by the World Workers Party. This communist group was responsible for setting up the protest, and was then joined by thousands of people who I only hope were ignorantly supporting a communist, anti-America organization.

It is sad to think that if this World Workers Party got its way, the possibility of having this protest would not even exist!

These people are often

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Letters to the Editor

Peace might be best

Editor,

I just want to submit this quote in response to John Conklin's letter in the past issue:

" Why, of course the people don`t want war. . . but, after all, it is the leaders of the country who determine the policy, and it is always a simple matter to drag the people along, whether it is a democracy, or a fascist dictatorship or a parliament or a communist dictatorship. . . voice or no voice, the people can always be brought to the bidding of the leaders. That is easy. All you have to do is to tell them they are being attacked, and denounce the pacifists for lack of patriotism and exposing the country to danger. "

-Hermann Goering,
Nuremberg Trials

Furthermore, if the liberal agenda is one that is supporting the "peace protesters" and the media is "liberal-controlled" why is it that all we've been hearing on every media outlet is the drum beat for war?

Despite all we've been taught, peace and non-violence can be patriotic as well.

Justin Pitts
Menomonie, WI

Mr. Pitts,

You bring up a very good point. Our country does appear to be getting into the "just give me the war already" mode.

However, this does not mean the general population would not be excited to hear that the looming war had been averted through careful and precise diplomacy.

If there is a war, perhaps more people will consider peaceful options when dealing with future conflicts.

Thank you for writing in and expressing an opinion that many in the student community must share.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Heir Harsdorf

To the Editor,

I have read John Harsdorff's Common Sense column the past few weeks and something has occurred to me. Maybe his column would be more authentic if you printed it in German.

Darrin Witucki
Patriotic Protestor
UW-Stout Staff

Underage drinking

I've decided that someone needs to speak the truth on this issue, since the police obviously have no interest in doing so. Let's dispel a myth right away.

MYTH: "Underage kids are busted for the good of themselves and the community."

FACT: Underage kids are busted because it's a great source of revenue.

That's the reason that fines are increasing this year, because the state has a massive budget deficit. No politicians say they support underage drinking, it's not politically correct.

The reason that 21 is the age limit is because the federal government made it a condition of highway funding. For those of you who don't read between the lines, this amounts to federal blackmail.

MYTH: "We don't make the laws; we just enforce them."

FACT: The police don't enforce the law.

It's revenue taking again. Here's how it breaks down: Busting house parties is a huge cash cow. If you let the kids go and bust the house, that's milking the cow because there will always be another house willing to throw a party next weekend.

If you wrote every underage kid a ticket, i.e. ENFORCING THE LAW, the house parties would be non-existent in a matter of months.

This will be a boon for revenue but in the long-run it kills off the cash cow. Don't worry though, this will never happen because college kids wouldn't come to a college where there aren't ANY parties.

That would ultimately translate into a loss of revenue for the college, the community, and the cops. If you insist on publicizing statements b the police, in the future could you at least try to screen the most blatant lies?

I wasn't aware that the Stoutonia was a propaganda instrument for the police dept. to use without challenge. I realize that this letter is a little long but please print it. Someone should tell the truth.

Sincerely,

Joe Thompson
UW-Stout Student

Mr. Thompson,

Thank you for writing in and expressing your opinion. While I agree with the fact that sometimes underage drinking is a ticketable offense while other times it is not, I'm going to have to disagree with you on a few other things.

The Stoutonia is not a propaganda machine for the police department or anyone else, for that matter. We report truth to the best of our ability and are not an "instrument" for anyone other than the student body.

Mr. Thompson, you mention that the police do not enforce the law, but I know for a FACT that one of my classmates recently got a speeding ticket for breaking the law by speeding.

Once again, thank you for writing in and telling the truth that you see.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Protest / Saddam isn't going to go away with protests

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quick to criticize the United States for its past support of Saddam Hussein in regards to the intelligence we gave him during the Iran-Iraq war.

While this may be true, it was impossible then to have foreseen today's currently unfolding events, which is why I find these protests so disturbing. While it seems that many of the protestors agree Saddam is a dangerous tyrant, they have forged an alliance with Saddam against our own country.

Is there really anything substantial or positive about the protests that would prove they aren't in alliance with Saddam Hussein? I think all you need to do is look at their alternatives to see the simple futility of their message.

A message I saw today in an ad staring Martin Sheen, who is against the war in Iraq. He may have forgotten that he is only the president on the "West Wing" and not in reality.

In the ad he states that we just need to let the Inspections work, and this way we can avoid a potential war.

Sounds great!

However, Mr. Sheen, it's been 12 years and 17 United Nations resolutions since the first inspections were started to disarm Iraq. It is pretty clear to me this is not working!

Time and time again the United States and its allies have given Saddam the opportunity to achieve peace by declaring his weapons and cooperating with the U.N. inspectors to avoid war.

Through the U.N. and it's resolutions we have sought peaceful ways to achieve a peaceful resolution of the current conflict, methods that simply have run out of time now.

These protestors need to realize they are allowing Saddam to continue the evil tyranny that oppresses his people and forces them to live in fear a day longer for each day he's allowed to be in power. They have offered no legitimate constructive policies for dealing with Iraq, and have only issued a destructive message of anti-Americanism.

It is time we realistically look at the situation facing us in Iraq; we are dealing with an evil dictator that will ruthlessly suppress his people and have them live in fear so he can retain his power.

Now he hopes to accomplish the same thing in the global community through his development and possession of chemical weapons. In protesting any action against Saddam, these protestors are really making a decision to endorse this mad man and the reign of terror that he has implemented.

Are these protests really for a worthy cause, or are they inadvertently supporting a very real and dangerous man?

Dating / It would be nice to have people care for each other first

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interaction when the two people meeting aren't looking at each other wondering if they'll end up in bed together.

I don't understand why relationships continually aren't allowed to develop naturally. Two people meet, form instant opinions about each other, and then have to re-evaluate those same opinions after a week or so of heavy petting.

I don't want to make friends at college like that. I choose my friends based on both whether or not they add some sort of dynamic to my life and whether or not I can appreciate how I react to them. I don't select my male friends because there is some vague doubt to the platonicness of our relationship, and I don't like making friends with someone simply for the fact that we made out for a week beforehand.

Whether or not you have a problem getting to know someone with that stigma riding over your head is, essentially, a completely personal decision. I know quite a few people that don't have a problem dealing with the first impressions, but I do.

I have been in the situation more than once of trying to play "the dating game" without having known the other contestant as a person first, and it tends to get me every time.

But it's not that I don't like dating, per se. If I were placed in that situation with someone I genuinely liked, then I would definitely pursue some sort of relationship with that person. I'm enough of a girl to like the bantering and the cajoling and the awful nerves that accompany any new situation. I simply cannot stand the stigma.

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Not just reading backwards

Many students struggle with learning and are unaware that dyslexia may be the culprit

Missy Powell
The Stoutonia

George Washington, Thomas Edison, Army General George Patton, Leonardo da Vinci, Alexander Graham Bell, Whoopi Goldberg, Tom Cruise and Albert Einstein all share one thing in common.

These famous people, among many others have been diagnosed with the learning disability known as dyslexia.

"Dys" means difficulty and "lexia" means words. People who have this learning disability often have difficulty in reading and comprehension. There are many different forms and severities of dyslexia.

One is a visual perception problem; those with visual perception problems could have perfect eye-sight but see the letters incorrectly or in reverse order. Letters such as b,d, g or q can often be confused for each other. Another form of dyslexia is audio perception problems. People with audio perception problems are known to confuse phases such as "crash the car" and "wash the car."

According to Debra Shefchik, Director of Disabilities at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, dyslexia is not a visual, hearing or motor problem, but how the brain takes in the material.

"[It's] how your brain works," she said.

Shefchik added that those with dyslexia have an average to above average IQ and although they may have problems in one area, they can excel in other areas.

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illustration by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

UW-Stout beauties take the crown

Two students will run for neighboring state pageants

Tiffany Laschinger
The Stoutonia

A little girl sits at eye-straining closeness to the T.V. to watch beautiful women in elegant gowns and prays to someday be the one to wear the sparkling crown of the Miss America Pageant.

She fashions her own crown out of paper and wearing her prettiest Sunday dress, already preparing for her walk down the runway as the time-honored Miss American anthem is sung in the background.

For two University of Wisconsin-Stout seniors, wearing the coveted crown is within their reach.

Caroline Hayden, an apparel design major, competed in her first pageant in 2000 winning the title of Miss Perham in Minnesota. Both her mother and sister held the title of Miss Perham in years past leaving a legacy that Hayden continued. After her year of service, Hayden went on to compete in the Miss Wisconsin-Central and took home another crown.

Sarah Wall, an apparel design and manufacturing major, was inspired to enter her first pageant after watching Hayden up on stage. Wall and Hayden are good friends and each other's biggest cheerleaders. Wall won the title in her first pageant in Mankato, Minn. and is currently serving as Miss Mankato.

In a society dominated by the importance of beauty and image, pageants are often seen as a publicly televised peep show where the prettiest girl in the smallest bikini wins. A skewed image of the female body is often derived from the contestants. There are many skeptics that see only a beauty pageant that lack any substantial content.

Hayden begs to differ.

"You can't be in something like the Miss America

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by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

Sarah Wall, Miss Mankato (left) **stands next to Caroline Hayden, Miss Wisconsin-Central** (right).

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Pageant/ not just a beauty contest

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Organization and not expect the stereotyping and belittling," said Hayden. "However, the people who take the time to get to know the organization and are a part of it know how beneficial it is to the development of leaders, as well as it is the leading scholarship provider for women in the entire world!"

Hayden has won more than $4,000 in the past three years from pageants and is currently preparing for the Miss Wisconsin pageant held in June. Wall is getting ready to represent her hometown in the Miss Minnesota pageant also held in June.

"I care so deeply for the people of Minnesota, and it has been a wonderful place to grow up," said Wall. "I would love the chance to use the crown to give back to the state."

Winners get the chance to educate people on a subject or idea of their choice during their year of service through their platform. Hayden's platform is Volunteerism- the power to change lives. Wall is working to educate people about dyslexia, something that Wall's parents discovered she had in kindergarten.

"My parents raised me to believe that I was extraordinary because I was dyslexic," said Wall. "I believe seeing dyslexia for the beautiful difference it is, and not a learning disability, a label I couldn't disagree with more. [It] was the difference in seeing my academic potential and surrendering to academic failure."

Using the term beauty pageant would undermine the core of this contest, and that is the charisma, talent and intellect needed to be a worthy competitor. Only 20 percent of the final decision is based on appearance. Thirty percent is based on talent and 40 percent is based on the interview.

"Since the interview is so essential to win a pageant, Caroline and I went to restaurants and asked each other the most difficult questions we could think of," said Wall.

The interview lasts twelve minutes and each contestant is asked questions concerning their platform, current events, their country and personal characteristics about themselves.

Hayden adds, "I think that it is important to understand the whole process of crowning a Miss America representative and not to solely focus on the lights and tiaras."





submitted photos

(above) **Hayden performed Moonlight Sonata at the Miss Wisconsin-Central pageant in the dress that she designed and made.** (right) **Wall is excited as the Miss Mankato crown in placed on her head**

Dyslexia/ side-stepping the disability

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"It's very unique to the person what their strengths and weaknesses are...it's kind of like all of us," Shefchik said.

Alison Christensen, a sophomore majoring in interior design, was diagnosed her senior year of high school.

"I always felt dumb or stupid in classes," Christensen said, adding that as much as she studied she still got a bad grade.

Christensen said she always knew she was different from her peers.

"I see a stop sign and read pots," she said, adding that at times it can take her up to twenty minutes to read a normal paragraph.

For most students in college, it may take two hours to study for one class, but for Christensen it's longer.

"For me it takes four to five hours to study," she said.

Many people have a stereotyped view of what dyslexia is like, but often this view far more simplified than this learning disability really is.

"Dyslexia isn't just reading things backwards, it's comprehending it too," she added. "I don't think people understand what I go through; having this disability is a lot of work!"

Sara Hall, a senior in apparel design at UW-Stout has been struggling with dyslexia all her life. Her parents had decided to home school her when, at an early age, she had been writing letters backwards. Hall was home schooled from first through twelfth grade and even met with a tutor to help her learn.

"There's nothing so far I haven't been able to overcome," Hall said.

In fact, Hall, who is graduating from UW-Stout in May, has made the Chancellor's list every semester.

"Self-esteem is so delicate when you find out you're struggling in school," Hall said.

She added that the key to her success was learning her own coping strategies. Hall reads out loud, watches educational television, listens to books on tape, has someone read to her and tries to stay away from any black and white print.

Hall and Christensen both know the struggles of feeling different, but they are still positive.

"I know what a struggle it is to tell people I am different," Hall said. She added that dyslexics are just as capable of learning as anyone else but by using their own method.

Christensen replied, "It's not who you are, it's just a part of you."

The cost to get tested at UW-Stout is $75 through the Clinical Services Center. Individuals are tested on their abilities and their achievement in subjects such as reading, writing, math, memory, visual, auditory and hands-on activities. The disability services on the UW-Stout campus are free of charge and services include note taking assistance, test accommodations, arrangement for text books on tape, priority registration, sign language interpreter and disability parking permit.

Shefchik, Christensen and Hall believe that overall using one's resources can help to ease any frustrations that come with dyslexia.

"Through experience they develop study strategies and learn to compensate," Shefchik said. "The barriers become more minimal."

Many students may be struggling in the dark with a learning disability that they can easily overcome with support and the right help.

Christensen advises, "Take a deep breath, it's another wall you have to figure out how to get over."

Did you know?

- **It is estimated that as many as 15 percent of American students may be dyslexic.**
- **Over 50 percent of NASA employees are dyslexic. They are deliberately sought after because they have superior problem solving skills and excellent 3-D and spacial awareness.**
- **It is estimated that more than $2 billion is spent each year on students who repeat a grade because they have reading problems.**

courtesy of U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

"My quest to be ambidextrous."



TYPECAST

Tiffany Laschinger

Considering my passion for words, you would think that I could bring some creativity as to how I broke my arm, but I cannot find a suiting lie for my clumsiness.

A brightly painted cast is a great conversation starter and the first question asked is, "What did you do?"

I slipped and fell.

Plain and simple, my graceless stride cost me four weeks in an air tight back scratcher. With more than two weeks to go I am about to saw off this miniature fiberglass torture chamber.

Not only do the hand cramps hurt worse than the night of the break, but I always have a nagging itch I can't scratch. I have heard horror stories of objects lost in the abyss of the cast, so I try to ignore it.

Showering is not as difficult as people may think, but the plastic garbage bag leaves my arm useless. Shaving my legs is a whole different story.

I can still grip some objects in my casted arm, but with awkward stability. I broke my right arm leaving me to re-learn the most basic tasks with an uncoordinated left arm.

When I am brushing my teeth with my newly found hand, I often find my head moving side-to-side rather than my arm doing the motions. I also have to hold my fork in my left hand and concentrate to get the food in my mouth.

My handwriting with my opposite hand has now reached third-grade level. Although, I sometimes find my hand doing the opposite movement that I intended, I am determined to bring my skill up to a sixth grade level by the time I get this beast off.

I thought my art classes would suffer due to my temporary handicap, but my drawing class has become more interesting since I have been experimenting with my left arm.

In the past 11 days I have noticed that I have reached for objects more and more with my left hand and have become comfortable with my formerly neglected appendage.

I am on a quest to become at least semi-ambidextrous by the time I am healed, even if it is clumsy.

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Campus Slant

What would you cut from the budget?



"Cut all duplicate campus postings and mailings. One central posting area."
~Nadia Von Hodenberg,
sr., general business administration



"Ask 5000, get them out of here."
~Julie McMurry
sr., general business



"Cut the school mascot in favor of myself."
~Chunks
sr., dietetics

"Co-ed bathrooms, to cut back on overhead."
~Adam Bryhn
jr., hotel restaurant and tourism management



Next Week:

What would you do to get out of serving in the military?

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1	1	611 13th St E	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #3	$320	$320	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus N/P	6
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2	1	113 W. Main	$350	$175	$420	$210	Close to campus and downtown	H
2	1	115 W. Main	$375	$188	$460	$230	Parking, location	3
2	1	421 Wilson Ave #1	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc heat, wsg, trash, 2parking spaces	6
2	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$400	$200	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash/ LOCATION	9
2	1	2702 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms, coin laundry, parking	8
2	1	1721 1/2 7th St.	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc Utilities/good location/washer/dryer	D
2	1	620 1/2 9th Ave	$480	$240	$555	$278	Lg upper apt close to campus	3
2	1	607 13th St	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt/off st parking/ut inc except elec.	8
2	1	603 13th St E	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
2	1	1721 7th St.	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Inc utilities/good location/large apt	D
3	1	147 1/2 Main B	$900	$300	n/a	n/a	Util inc/no parking	
3	1	1311 1/2 S. Broadway	$420	$140	$540	$180	WasherDryer/Next to campus	D
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	WashDry hook-up/Gas Heat/Garage	H
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5	1	1121 - 6th Ave	$725	$145	$875	$175	WashDry hook-up/Storage/Gas heat	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
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5	2	409 13th Ave W.	$920	$184	$1,120	$224	some new carpet and lino	H
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr.#1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/washer dryer	D
5	2	1820 8th St	$1,125	$225	$1,275	$255	New, good location wash/dryer avail 09/01/03	4
5	2	1820 8th St	$1,125	$225	$1,275	$255	New, good location wash/dryer avail 09/01/03	4
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6	2	321 20th Ave	$1,350	$225	$1,500	$250	New, Super location washer/dryer	4
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6	2	321 20th Ave	$1,350	$225	$1,500	$250	New, Super location washer/dryer	4
6	1.5	221 4th St. W	$810	$135	$1010	$168	Wash/Dryer/Gas/N. Campus	H
6	2	1402 8th	$810	$135	$990	$165	Wash/Dryer/Gas Heat	H
6	2	205 W 17th Ave	$1,500	$250	$1,650	$275	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
6	2	205 W 17th Ave	$1,500	$250	$1,650	$275	NEW, Super location, w/d	4
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Stout grads star-struck

Brianna Schrader
The Stoutonia

Many students across the nation will be glued to their televisions this Thursday night to watch another episode of the popular sitcom, "Friends." Two University of Wisconsin-Stout graduates will be watching for a different reason.

They will be looking for themselves.

Jenni Strangis and Beth DeVries had the opportunity last month while in Los Angeles to play extras in an episode of "Friends." Their friend, Stacia Stanek, 21, was also asked to join Strangis, 24, and DeVries, 24, as a sit-in.

The show, currently in its ninth season, uses an average of 35 to 50 extras per episode. The three women were lucky enough to be placed directly behind the famous couch in Central Perk.

"They came and grabbed us and walked us to the set," said Strangis. "When we saw they were putting us in the prime spot right behind the couch, we were like, 'Oh my God! We've got to tell everybody!'"



Submitted by: Jenni Strangis

Strangis was lucky enough to obtain pictures of the "Friends" set. According to her, the apartments look much bigger on TV than in the studio.

The women were attending a taping of the show and were thrilled to find out that a few more extras were needed for a scene. While they were sitting in the audience, director Gary Halvorson, who is also Strangis' cousin, asked the women if they would fill the spots. Halvorson has won six Emmys throughout his career and also directs the well-known comedy "Everybody Loves Raymond."

The entire taping took about eight hours and the scene the women were in took four takes.

"The first time the scene was shot, no one followed their cue so we had to do it again," said Strangis.

In this scene, with the characters Joey and Chandler, the extras were instructed to sit with fake coffee and pretend to have conversations with each other at their tables.

"We were basically whispering gibberish to each other," said Strangis. "It's tough to sit there and pretend you're talking to your friends. You want to watch what's going on, but you can't look at the cameras and you have to still be able to listen for your cue."

The cue the extras were waiting to hear was when Chandler loudly says to Joey, "Monica doesn't need a boob job!" At that point, the whole café is to look astonishingly at them.

After the taping, Strangis and DeVries got the opportunity to meet Matthew Perry on the set.

"I am completely in love with Matt Perry," said Strangis. "We probably talked for three minutes and I couldn't tell you one single thing I said to him. The next thing I know, I felt this brush on my shoulder and there was Matt LeBlanc."

Strangis and DeVries, who are roommates in Minnetonka, Minn. have been friends for five years. They graduated from UW-Stout with bachelor degrees in business and both currently work for the Target Corporation in Minneapolis, Minn.

"I've always wanted to be on stage ever since I was little," said Strangis. "I would definitely do [this] again. It was our ten seconds of fame and I would totally love it if this was my big break, but I doubt it will happen."



Submitted by: Jenni Strangis

Jenni Strangis (pictured) always wanted to have a career on stage. Appearing on "Friends" was something she would do again.



The 411

Feb. 20 - Feb. 27

Thursday, Feb. 20
- 7-9 p.m., **"For a Just Peace between Israelies and Palestinians,"** discussion, Menomonie Leisure Center 1412 6th Ave.
- 8 p.m., **Recycled Percussion**, Great Hall, $5/students

Friday, Feb. 21
- 12-1:15 p.m. & 1:25-2:20 p.m., **"Ethics and Marketing Placebos,"** 144 Price Commons
- 4 p.m., **Track and Field Blue Devil Invitational**

Saturday, Feb. 22
- 3 p.m., **Women's Basketball vs. Whitewater**
- 5 p.m., **PONG's LAN party**, JTC Lounge
- 5:45 p.m., **Black Student Union Ball**, $15/person, $25/couple for dinner & entertainment.
- 6 p.m., **4-H Drama Festival**, Menomonie High School
- 7 p.m., **Dumpstar**, Blind Munchies Coffee House

Sunday, Feb. 23
- 7 p.m., **Red Cedar Peace Initiative Meeting**, Community Resource Center, 406 W Main

Monday, Feb. 24
- 7 p.m., **"RED,"** Fortissimo Foreign Film Series, Great Hall, free

Tuesday, Feb. 25
- 3-4:30 p.m., **Reception for Galena Doubovskaya**, Russian Scholar, Prairie/Pioneer Room, MSC
- 7 p.m., **"One City One Book"** discussion of classic "To Kill a Mockingbird," Menomonie Public Library

Wednesday, Feb. 26
- 9 a.m.-3 p.m., **International Studies Fair**, Ballroom C, Student Center
- 8:30 a.m., **How to Get Grants & Gifts,** Menomonie Public Library, $30, 235-2144 x44
- 5-7 p.m., **Alpha Phi Cardiohealth Dinner**, Menomonie Leisure Center 1412 6th St, info: x3768

Thursday, Feb. 27
- 8 p.m.-12 a.m. **Thursday Night Out**, Rec Center.
- 8 p.m., **Open Mic**, Heritage Café

Have anything to add to the Campus Calander? Send suggestions to Belinda @ Stoutonia or lewisb@uwstout.edu

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76 trombones and Ferris Bueller



MOVIEREVIEW

Kim Hauschildt

Last Sunday evening, ABC presented a remake of Meredith Wilson's classic musical "The Music Man." The list of stars included Matthew Broderick, Molly Shannon and Victor Garber of ABC's Alias.

Not happy with the performance, I found my fingers searching for the channel button on the remote.

Here's a quick run-through of how the musical develops. Harold Hill is a traveling salesman who comes to a fictional town in Iowa called River City. He is selling instruments to create a boys' band. The only glitch to his story is that he isn't a music man kind of salesman, but really a con-artist trying to weasel the town out of their money.

Everyone in town adores him because of his charming ways, except the librarian and the mayor. The mayor dislikes Hill because he set up his teenage daughter with the town hoodlum and turned the town against the new billiard hall by convincing the townspeople that pool and the devil go hand in hand.

Marion, the librarian, senses his fakeness right from the start and finds out that all the tales of his past are false. In the process she falls in love with him, as he does with her.

It doesn't take the mayor long to find out the truth about Hill.

The town prepared to tar and feather the music man for his untruthfulness, but then the band instruments and uniforms Hill ordered arrived.

The town gave him one last chance to prove himself as a professor of music, and with only a prayer, Hill began to direct the boys.

The band managed to squeak out some notes of unity and the mothers fell on their knees with pride. Hill was redeemed and all charges were dropped. Of course, he and the librarian live happily ever after.

The ABC production was a remake of the 1973 version in which Shirley Jones, the mother from the Partridge Family, plays Marion. This older version was much better.

Seeing the legendary Ferris Bueller as Harold Hill didn't make sense, and Broderick was too sweet to be a con-man.

Many of the characters in the remake were over-acting by being too giggly or astonished at the things Hill was doing. This action made the production cheesy.





Courtesy of: abc.abcnews.go.com and homevideos.com

Matthew Broderick has been in many films throughout his career. There is quite a contrast between Ferris Bueller and Harold Hill.

My former high school did a production of "The Music Man" in 2000. Our production was 300 times better than the one presented this past weekend on national television. Our characters were more developed than those of the television version.

Many of the songs that made the musical enjoyable were either cut in half or deleted entirely—poor decision. Musicals are made by their songs, hence the word musical. Without songs, they are considered plays or dramas. When popular songs are cut, the fan-following is also going to be cut.

The next time someone is going to remake the production of a classic musical, it is important to have enough money to get good actors and enough practice with the right enthusiasm to make the beloved classic continue to be a classic.

Fortissimo, free films

Aaron Hines
The Stoutonia

Six dollars for a ticket, $3 for a tub of popcorn, $2 for a beverage and all you have to show for the night is disappointment and an empty wallet.

Most college students live on a tight budget. Spending over $10 at the local theater to watch the typical, over-promoted, multi-



million dollar movie is not economical and sometimes not even entertaining.

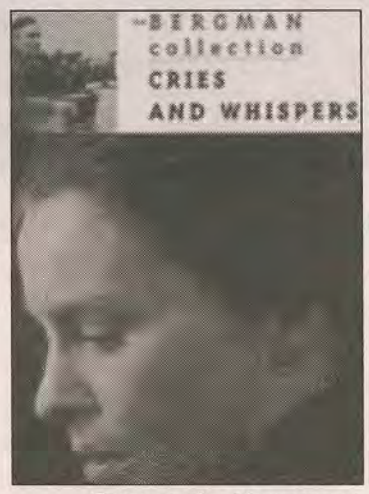
Large corporate giants jam the movie of the week into Americans' consciences by bombarding television with advertisements and movie trailers. This leaves quality independent and foreign films buried beneath the rubble of current movies such as "How To Lose a Guy In 10 Days" and "Sweet Home Alabama," which tell the same old Hollywood love story.

Just when you think you're out of options, Blue Devil Productions (BDP) brings you their Fortissimo foreign film series which offers an alternative to satisfy your need for quality entertainment and refreshments all for free.

"I'm sick of the same cotton candy story with Hugh Grant and Sandra Bullock," said Jessica Kooiman, a senior in graphic design. "I want to see something totally new and fresh, and I think turning to foreign films is a great way to do that."

Movies such as Krzysztof Kieslowski's "Three Colors" trilogy and Ingrid Bergman's "Cries and Whispers" give us an insight into the often-overlooked world of quality foreign films.

The next BDP Fortissimo event on Mon., Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. will feature "Red," the third French film in the "Three Colors" trilogy about a young student and fashion model who becomes friends with a judge. This showing in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center is free.



Courtesy of: videovista.net

An Ingrid Bergman film, "Cries and Whispers" shows on Mar. 10.

So before you spend another cent at the local movie theater, consider a night of free entertainment and refreshments. Your pocketbook will thank you.

FOREIGN FILMS

What: "Red" & "Cries and Whispers"

When: Mon., Feb. 24 at 7 p.m.

Where: Great Hall

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Libel lawsuit laid to rest

Matt Schubbe
The Stoutonia

eBay, the popular online auction site, has recently settled a libel lawsuit with a customer by removing offensive statements from their feedback section.

Roger Grace, a Los Angeles legal newspaper publisher, made charges against eBay and Tim Neeley, a dealer on the site who specializes in Hollywood memorabilia.

According to the Associated Press, the act of libel is causing injury to one's reputation through means of works, pictures or cartoons.

The actions must expose a person to public hatred, shame, disgrace or ridicule, or induce an ill opinion of a person.

Being unhappy with the service at eBay, Grace claimed that the magazines he ordered arrived later than agreed upon and in worse condition than described on the site.

In retaliation, Neeley, who sold Grace the magazines, made several negative comments about him in the site's feedback section.

In his lawsuit against the online auction house, Grace requested $2.5 million in punitive damages from eBay and $100,000 from Neeley.

Grace also asked that the site filter out negative words similar to the ones used in his feedback comments.

The charges were dropped after the site removed the review of Grace; eBay denies that this removal had anything to do with the lawsuit.

Although a lot of money was nearly thrown around on this particular suit, many students on campus were oblivious to the fact that a suit had even taken place.

"I don't have a clue what it's about," said Derik Gatzke, a senior majoring in business.

Other students had similar statements.

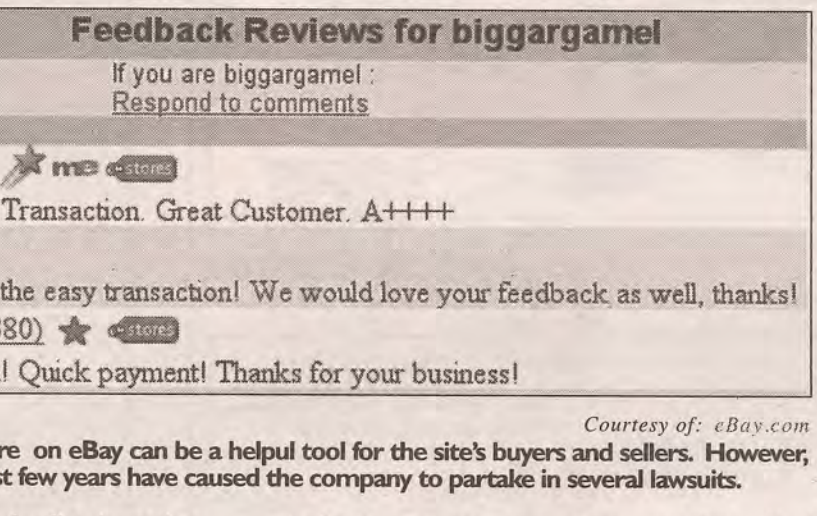
"I haven't heard anything about it," said Paul Felicetta, a freshman majoring in engineering technology.

Students who heard about the lawsuit had strong opinions.

"It seems like a lot of nonsense to me," said Casey Chapman, a senior in hospitality and tourism. "Just bickering back and forth."

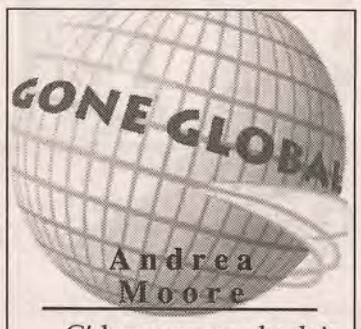
This has been one of several lawsuits involving the online auction giant in the past few years, including one against rival auction site BidBay for misuse of the word bay and copyright infringement.

eBay refuses to change its procedures even after the dismissal of the libel suit.



Courtesy of: eBay.com

The feedback forum feature on eBay can be a helpul tool for the site's buyers and sellers. However, negative reviews in the past few years have caused the company to partake in several lawsuits.



G'day everyone back in the frosty Midwest! I have finally arrived in Lismore, Australia to study abroad at Southern Cross University.

For those of you with no geographical inclination as to where Lismore is, it's on the east coast in New South Wales, about three hours south of Brisbane.

The scenery here is beautiful! Campus is nestled in the hills between the rainforest and the ocean. As some of you may know, this time of year in Australia is the height of summer, which means it is very hot and humid.

Unfortunately, the ozone layer here is thin and the sun's rays can be piercing if sun block is not applied dutifully. Also, poisonous reptiles and insects are akin to the landscape here and students have been advised accordingly.

Aside from the potentially harmful sunrays and wildlife, the Aussies have been very friendly, even jolly.

All the international students were treated with a warm welcome including a free BBQ (natives say barbie, not bar-b-que) and shuttle bus back and forth to town for needed supplies.

The schooling down under is radically different. It is fairly common to have classes only two or three days a week, leaving four days to yourself for leisurely down time.

I will most likely have classes on Monday and Tuesday of every week; that leaves five days for myself. It sounds really appealing, doesn't it? But just because students have more time to themselves doesn't mean they don't study as much.

Here in Australia it is common for students do substantial independent studying. Don't get me wrong, Australians know how to throw a party, but they are also very responsible with their homework.

The Aussies are more laid back and less stressed than I would be back in America.

A common phrase heard around campus is "No worries, mate." And they are true to their word.

Another common phrase to hear around town is "Cheers!" With that, they mean "thanks and goodbye!" So until next time, cheers!

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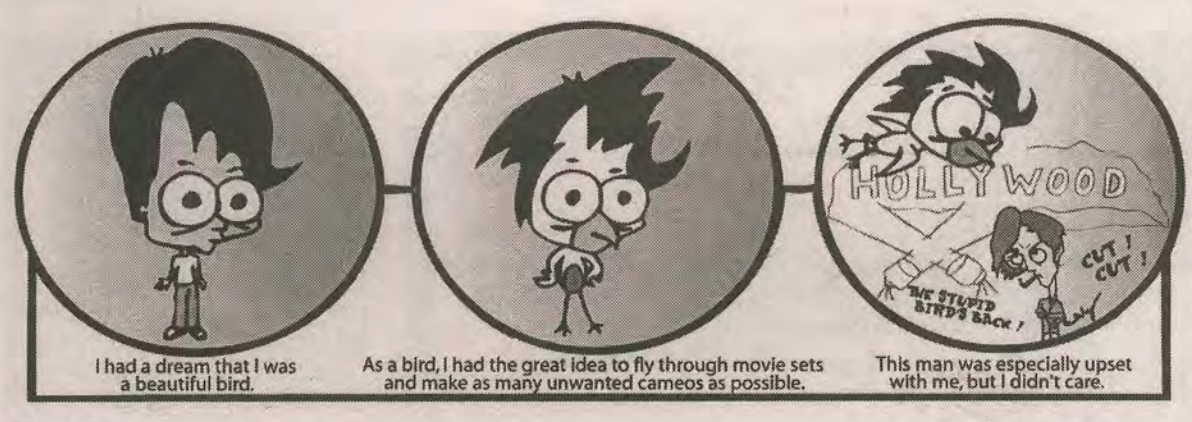
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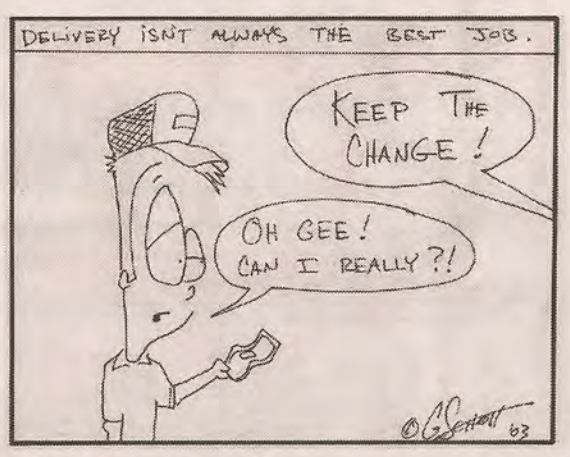
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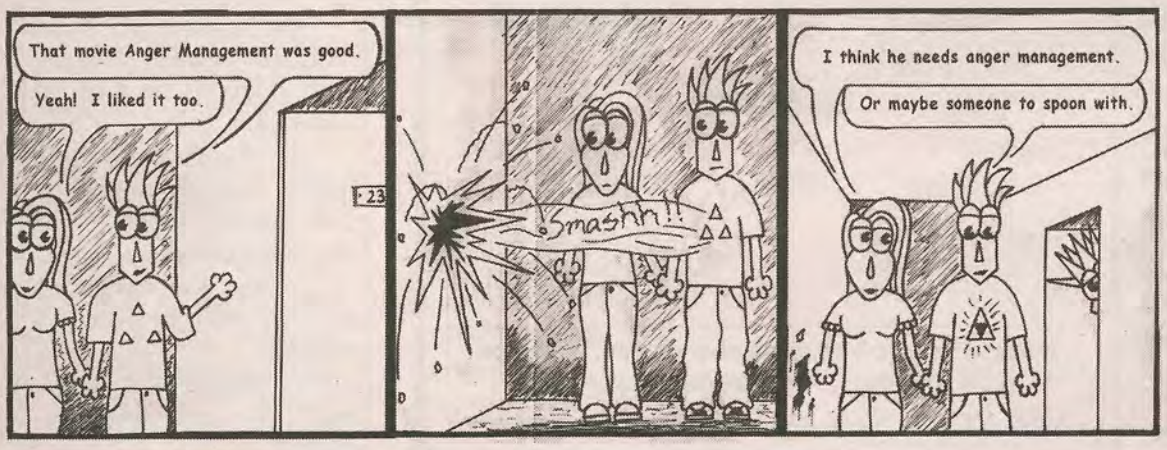


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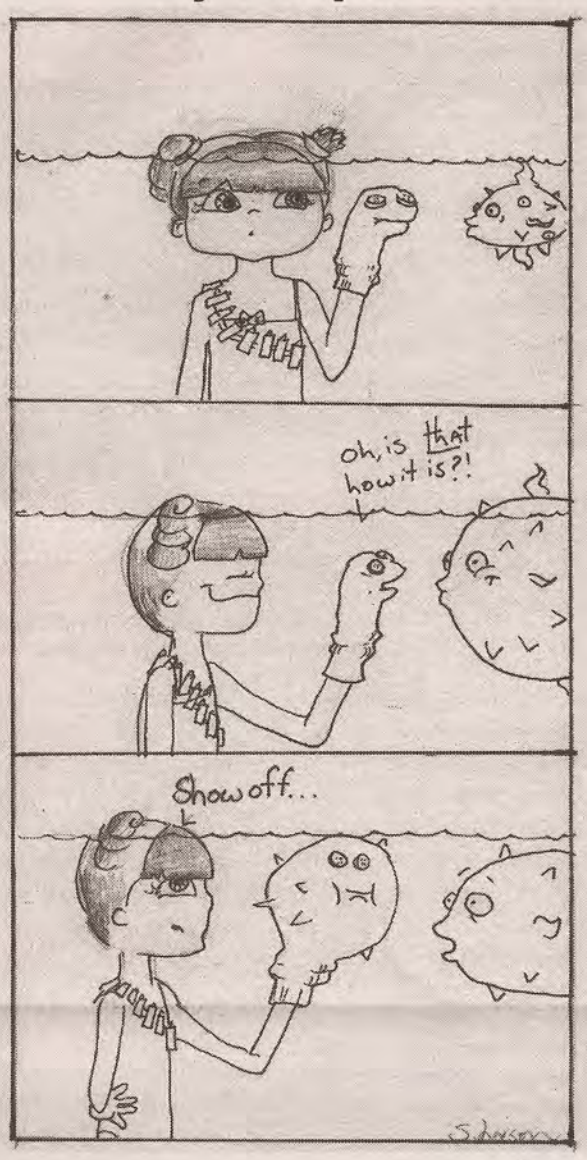






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by Steph Larson



Where ice cream is supper!



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Basketball fan's unenthused

Jimmy Weideman
The Stoutonia



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Despite the succussful season, the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's and women's basketball teams have been lacking the crowd support this season. They hope that in the future the crowd's will become more involved in the game and express their feelings.

With ten seconds left in the game, junior Julian Greer gets the rebound to get a chance to take a last second shot. For the first time during the game the fans come to there feet. For the first time the stands stood up?

With the men's and women's Blue Devils' season coming to a close, both teams are in great shape to make a run for the national championship. Both Blue Devils programs have great attendance; women are second in attendance in the nation and the men, this past year finishing 20th, are ahead of that this year. Then why is it so quiet in the fieldhouse?

Junior Guard Aaron Tator said, "Our crowd is a little different than most places we play. When we go to other arenas...we get heckled and the students are always on us.

"We would like to see our fans talk a little smack to the other teams," said junior general buisness administration major Aaron Tator. "We need them to just be jacked up from the beginning. This is a critical time of the season right now and we need as much support from our fans as possible. I know our fans have the potential to get loud...and I'd like to hear how they compare to some of the other places we visit."

"I can tell you, I love our fans that come and watch us play, " said UW-Stout's men's men's Coach Edward Andrist. "The guys and our staff really appreciate the support. I just don't think our fans always know how and when to cheer. They kind of sit on their hands at times and we need more noise in the fieldhouse."

The men have a chance for second place in the conference if they win. They could fall as far as fourth place depending on the final two games Wed., Feb. 19 they play the University of Wisconsin – Riverfalls and on Sat. Feb., 22 they go to the University of Wisconsin – Whitewater.

It has been an outstanding year for UW-Stout with a overall record 14-8, and conference record 9-5.

"Winning four overtime games and will finish in the top four in the league; It is the first WIAC winning record since 1994-95 and second winning record since 1986-87," said Coach Eddie Andrist on the season so far.

The women have a chance for fourth if they win one of the final two games left. UW-Stout will be at UW-River Falls, Wed., Feb. 19 and will close out the regular season, Sat., Feb. 22 by hosting UW-Whitewater.

Women currently have a 16-7 overall record, and 8-6 conference record.

Women's Coach Mark Thomas said, "I personally think that we have underachieved some what. We should have won 2-3 games more so far this season."

With the team in a tight position, extra crowd support may be the helping piece missing from this season.

"With both programs where they are at right now and soon making a run for a championship, I would like to see the students to come to games and create an atmosphere somewhat like division I schools," said Thomas. "University of Duke students camp out all night just to get a ticket to the game. That is a little extreme, but if we could get some enthusiasm like that it would be great."

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College in Northfield, Minn.

Junior Pole vaulter Lewis Cassellius extended his NCAA provisional mark in winning the event. Sophomore Matt Schlough won the 400-meter dash, and senior Eric Moe won the long jump.

Cassellius added three inches to his previous mark of 15 feet as the Blue Devils swept the top three spots. Freshman Nick Neuman was 2nd and freshman Jason Geiger was 3rd, with both posting heights of 14' 3.25".

Schlough paced the field in the 400-meter run in a time of 50.15 seconds, winning by more than a half second over Robert Ware of St. Thomas.

Moe won the long jump with a leap of 21'-2.50".

Wisconsin/Minnesota Battle Border Team Results:

1. St. Thomas 204.5; 2. St. Olaf 161; 3. UW-Stout 127.5; 4. UW-Eau Claire 114.

Women 's Basketball

UW-Stout blew out University of Wisconsin-La Crosse 91-69, Wed., Feb. 12 at Johnson Fieldhouse.

After sophomore Erin Churchill gave the Blue Devils the lead 22-20 with 7:51 left in the first half,UW-Stout would not trail the rest of the way. The Blue Devils shot out to much as much as a 26-point lead in the second half.

UW-Stout forced 29 La - Crosse turnovers, 15 in the second half. UW-Stout had 17 steals, with Churchill getting six.

Junior Jesse Herrman led all scorers. Teammate sophomore Lindsey Erichsen tossed in 12 points and junior Sara Kahl 10 points.

On Sat., Feb 14 UW-Platteville handed the Blue Devils a 76-55 loss, to break a 17-game streak to the Blue Devils.

UW-Platteville (14-9, 7-7) shot out to a 34-23 halftime lead and continued to build on that lead throughout the second half, getting to as much as a 23- point lead.

The Blue Devils shot only 26 percent and were out-rebounded by a 58-36 margin in the loss.

Herrman was the only Blue Devil to manage to score in double digits with 10 points.

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Junior Lewis Cassellius extended his NCAA provisional marking at the Border Battle on Feb. 15 winning the event.

Mens Basketball

On Wed. Feb. 12 UW-Stout kept their title hopes alive by beating UW-La Crosse 63-58.

The Blue Devils broke a school record by hitting 16-16 free throws. Junior Nate Templer was perfect with 11 of 11 from the line. Templer finished with 19 points which all came in the second half.

Junior Andy Bray finished with 21 points and Senior Casey Chapman added 10 points. Templer pulled down 11 rebounds with his 19 points to finish with a double-double.

On Sat., Feb. 15 UW-Stout fell to UW-Platteville 68-66 after a last second shot clanged off the back of the rim.

UW-Platteville overcame a two point halftime deficit to a take a 57-44 lead within the final seven minutes of the game. UW- Stout cut the lead to one, 67-66 with 10 seconds remaining.

UW-Stout got a game-high 18 points from junior Andy Bray and 13 points from junior Julian Greer and senior Casey Chapman.

Stout will host UW-River Falls, Feb. 19 and will close the regular season, Saturday, Feb. 22 at UW-Whitewater.

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Freshman made USA team

Rebecca Werner
The Stoutonia

The main goal of most sports teams is to send as many team participants to national's as possible. However, having an independent, self-funded and student-coached sport makes the challenge even more difficult.

Yet, the University of Wisconsin-Stout men's intramural rugby team achieved that goal.

Freshman packaging major Max Zukowski was selected to compete in the United States national rugby team for his age division, the U-19 Boys.

"It's a once in a lifetime thing," said Zukowski. "I never dreamed in a million years that I would get this far."

Zukowski said it all started last fall when he was selected to play on the Wisconsin team. From there he just kept working his way up and was finally selected for the national team while at a training camp in Texas.

This weekend he leaves to play against Canada in Coco Beach, FL on Feb. 23. The game against Canada is called the "Freedom Cup."

According to http://www.usarugby.org/natteams/u19.html this game is basically a scrimmage match to prepare the players for the championships in Paris and make the final few cuts.

"I think I'm in a fairly good position since I started on the first team in Texas," said Zukowski. "I feel pretty confident about this."

If he makes it to Paris it will mean a lot of re-arranging in his schedule. The championships are held from Mar. 31, to Apr. 22.

"If I spend four weeks in Paris it is going to change a lot of things," said Zukowski.

In high school Zukowski played basketball, soccer,and golf.

His dad convinced him to join rugby his junior year.

"My dad played rugby for 17 years," Zukowski said. "So, he just got me involved one time in high school."

Due to his short span of experience in the sport, most people are suprised at this rapid success.

"I've only known Max to have played rugby for a year," said freshman undecided major Mike Kaap. "I knew he was good at rugby but I didn't know he was national quality."

So where does he go from here? According to the USA Rugby's Web site, its goal is, "To develop the U-19 National Boys Team into a competitive International program...the U-19 program will aid in ultimately developing players for the Men's National Team program."

Once Zukowski advances out of his age bracket, then he will have to start training for the next level which is the USA Men's National Team.

"I know he'll dominate in Paris," said Kaap. "I want to wish Max the best of luck and hope he doesn't hurt too many people."



Courtesy of, Max Zukowski

Freshman Max Zukowski (holding ball) is selected to play on the national rugby team for his age division.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Marci Schachtner



The Facts:
Track and Field
Sophomore
Deer Park (Clear Lake), MN
Early Childhood Education

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

On saturday Feb. 15, Marci Schachtner won the weight throw with a toss of 46' 1.25". In making the throw she also broke the school record that was set at 45' 0.25" by Jen Turner in 2001.

Last year, Schachtner made the Provisinal list for national's in the hammer throw.

In high school, Schachtner competed in the 300-meter hurdles and holds her school's record in that event with a time of 51.55 seconds. She also went to state in the shot put and disk throw. Her junior and senior year she was the captian of Clear Lakes Track and Field Team.

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Reviewing the week in sports

Jimmy Weideman
The Stoutonia

Gymmastics

On Fri. Feb. 7, the University of Wisconsin Stout won first place over Hamline University and the University of Wisconsin Gymnastics Club at the Johnson Feildhoues

Senior Tiffany Reber set a new record on the balance beam with a performance of 9.625, breaking Tasha Pasch's mark of 9.525.

UW-Stout won the event with a score of 173.175, followed by Hamline with a 169.425 and Wisconsin, 134.15.

Reber, UW-Stout's all-arounder, captured the top spot in that event with A 36.025. Besides the record performance on the beam, Reber was second on the vault (8.875) and the floor (9.15) and was fourth on the uneven bars (8.375).

Junior Jennie Rosinsky won the vault (9.175). Freshman Kelsey Gamelin was third (8.80).

Freshman Rhian Paulson won the uneven bars (8.775) and Sophomore Lacey Schroedl was second (8.50). Freshman Cassie Johnston finished behind Reber on beam (9.425) and Freshmen Helen Pansch was third on the floor (8.950).

UW-Stout will be at UW-Eau Claire, Friday, Feb. 21.

Hockey

On Fri. Feb 14, UW-Stout traveled to the no. 2 seed University of Wisconsin-Superior for a beginning of a best of three playoff series.

Junior Goalie Jeff Dotson stop 63 of 66 shots on goal. UW-Stout was unable to connect on 38 shots on goal.

Needing a win on Sat. Feb. 15 to force a game three, the Blue Devils were shut out by UW-Superior putting an end to the Blue Devils season with a 5-0 win.

UW-Superior, the defending NCAA Division III champion, outshot Stout, 40-25.

UW-Stout finished the season with a record of 6-21-0

Men's Track and Field

On Sat., Feb 15 UW-Stout place third out of four teams at Wisconsin/Minnesota Border Battle at St. Olaf

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Universtiy of Wisconsin-Stout's Men's Hockey team finished their season with a record of 6-21-0.

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Chancellor addresses students

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

"Nothing's sacred right now," said University of Wisconsin-Stout Chancellor Charles Sorensen at Monday evening's budget forum.

With the UW System facing the largest budget cuts in three decades, everyone involved with the university will be affected, including students.

Sorensen had that in mind this week when he hosted two budget forums especially for students. All students were invited via mass campus e-mail to attend one of two sessions.

Combined attendance for both sessions was 26 students. Members of administration and faculty also attended. Forums specifically for faculty and staff will be held in mid-March.

The chancellor spoke about the governor's recent budget proposal and what that would mean for the UW System as a whole and UW-Stout individually.

Under Governor Doyle's proposal, UW-Stout's budget would be cut by $5 million annually. If the legislature approves a $250 tuition increase per student per semester, that loss would be lessened to $2 million, which would soften the blow.

Twenty-six to 35 positions will be cut and programs will be strategically cut, but administration plans to maintain a high level of quality.

"We're going to support the core values of who we are," said Sorensen.

The university is hoping to handle these reductions by prioritizing class offerings required for graduation, scheduling more Friday classes, increasing class sizes and possibly adding more evening classes.

All of these measures would utilize classrooms more efficiently, but faculty and academic staff would be required to teach more classes.

Doyle's proposal calls for a $250 million reduction system-wide, but he is also asking for a 56 percent increase in financial aid.

To achieve that, $23 million of reserve money would be taken from auxiliary operations.

"Auxiliary reserves is the money that the auxiliary operations, such as housing, dining, parking and the student center collect to help manage our projects," said Scott Griesbach, director of housing and residence life.

Auxiliary operations are like self-supporting businesses that are run by the university. The reserve money largely comes from student segregated fees or

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by Nick Coenen, The Stoutonia

Chancellor Charles Sorensen fields questions from a small group of students in the Great Hall on Tuesday afternoon. Two budget forums were held this week to inform students about the inevitable changes a large cut will bring.

Residence hall leaders to get better compensation

Shanon Lehrke
The Stoutonia

Here is an ideal definition of a Resident Advisor (RA): someone that listens; someone you can trust; a friend, an advisor, a student.

There isn't a specific definition that will fit all RAs nor is there a definition that will explain exactly what they do.

"I can't really describe it to you," said Scott McKinney, an RA in Wigen Hall. "The job, depending on how you approach it, can be many things."

RAs will be seeing changes starting next fall. Since 1995, RAs have received an increase in compensations comparable to the increases in room and board rates, but the RA council did not think that this was adequate.

"At first the room and board was nice, at first, but as I got into the job I realized too we don't get paid anything, not really," said McKinney.

Currently, RA compensations include: half of a double room at no charge, meal plan level two, which consists of $721 and a $100 stipend once an RA is in their second year of being an RA.

> "We are not raising room fees in order to pay the RAs more."
>
> **Ann Marie Hoffman**
> *Staff Development Coordinator*

RAs are also required to be on campus eight weekends per semester. Even when RAs are off duty, they are required to be in the dorm by 2 a.m. Sunday-Thursday and are only allowed out three nights per semester. Their total time spent on the job is estimated to equal about 20 hours a week.

The council members compiled information that compared UW-Stout to other campuses in the UW-System and drafted a proposal.

After reviewing the proposal, the housing and residence life department was able to offer some of the requests for the RAs over a two-year process. Starting in 2003-2004 all RAs will be given a free single room (if available), $500 cash stipend once in the second year of being an RA, and a larger meal plan (level four). An increase in nights out per semester is still in the works.

The new policy regarding a single room proved to be the major factor in the compensation package.

According to third year RA Danielle Wojcik, single rooms will not just benefit the RAs.

"Having a single room ensures that anything that happens between residents stays confidential; it is a neutral zone," said Wojcik. "There is also the courtesy to the RAs roommate of not getting calls at 2 a.m."

In addition to the bene-

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NEWS

Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 35° Low 18° Partly Cloudy	High 39° Low 9° Mostly Cloudy	High 29° Low 0° Light Snow

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RAs/ policy changes will affect many aspects of residence hall life

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fits, the RAs will be required to work five hours unpaid at the front desk.

"That tends to put a damper on it, but it is still a good deal," said McKinney.

Although RAs might not get rich, some find their own benefits in the job.

"I would not be the same person today if I wasn't an RA," said McKinney. "You get to know people and yourself."

Some concerns were raised about the increase in compensations due to the current financial problems that the university faces, but the new package will not cause any increase in university spending.

"We are not raising room fees in order to pay the RAs more," said staff development coordinator, Ann Marie Hoffman. "We are making changes in the way we operate."

Due to the new compensations, many resident positions will be cut or altered. Positions will be eliminated in the Fleming fitness center, Merle Price Commons mailroom, night security and desk staff. Other cuts will be implemented in training costs and in RA retreats.

"I feel the new compensation is well deserved," said Wojcik. "You cannot put a price on what RAs do."



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

A resident advisor (RA) in CKTO residence hall helps students at the hall's front desk. RAs proposed a new compensation package and will have receive more benefits next fall.

Forum / not enough money

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user charges.

"Like any business, we attempt to have money in the bank to cover catastrophic losses," said Ann Thies, director of dining services. "Thus, the money we collect from students using the dining services is spent on dining services and benefits anyone using dining services on campus."

With those dollars being taken away from auxiliary operations, it is likely that student fees will be raised just like tuition so that reserves can be built up again.

"The auxiliary operations on campus have been using good business practices by developing an appropriate level reserves to cover many of our capital projects," said Griesbach. "The state of Wisconsin has not been using good business practices, and they have no reserves built up. As a result of their poor business practices, they now have this enormous shortfall and are finding any and all ways to get more money."

Until the legislature approves the budget, UW-Stout will not know exactly what they will be faced with.

The Stout Student Association has organized a postcard campaign to let legislators know how students feel. They will also be joining the other 25 UW schools for an April rally at the capitol in Madison, Wis.



Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

No-show student arrested
On Feb. 11 a student was arrested in South Hall on an arrest-bench warrant from Dunn County. The student failed to appear for a final pre-trial hearing for a disorderly conduct charge.

Drunken pizza thieves
A front desk worker in CKTO called police when two intoxicated males came to the front desk on Feb. 13 and damaged two pizza ovens and stole two pizzas from behind the desk. The suspects fled prior to the officers' arrival. The worker told police that the suspects had run to the basement area and that they were visiting a student. The basement was searched with no success. Police knocked at the student's door that the suspects were visiting but made no contact.

Parking lot fender bender
A student reported a traffic accident in UW-Stout parking lot 6 behind Fleming Hall. A student was driving a UW-Stout vehicle out of the lot, stopped at the stop sign attached to Fleming Hall, looked both ways and proceeded to turn to exit the lot. While turning, she struck a second student coming from her right who was also driving to the lot's exit. There were no injuries reported and no damage to the UW-Stout vehicle. The second student's vehicle suffered over $1,000 damage to the front fender and driver's side door.

Damaged trees
Police noticed on Feb. 23 that the evergreen trees by the tennis courts at 18th Ave. and 5th St. E. had been damaged. Part of a tree was found in the middle of 5th St. E. It appears that several of the trees were damaged by an unknown person.

University Briefs



Scholarships due Friday
Applications for scholarships offered through the Stout University Foundation are due Feb. 28 by 4:30 p.m. Letters of recommendation and application forms can be taken to the Foundation Office in the Louis Smith Tainter House. More information can be found at http://www.uwstout.edu/foundation.

Threat levels at UW-Stout
Despite a higher threat level and risk of terrorist attacks, the university is not doing anything differently at this time. University Police continue to be on duty 24 hours a day for reporting suspicious persons, vehicles or actions. They have direct access to federal and Western Wisconsin terrorism information from the U.S. Department of Justice and receive updates on a regular basis. This information is shared with the UW-Stout Crisis Management Team through the Campus Emergency Plan, available at http://www.uwstout.edu/geninfo/disaster.html.

Selective Service registration
Effective Feb.1, federal law requires all males age 18 to 25 to self certify that they have registered with the U.S. Selective Service prior to being hired for a classified, student or graduate assistant position. This policy does not apply to those already employed by the university. To comply, the human resources office will have all new hires in the above mentioned categories sign a document stating that they have registered.

University Briefs are compiled by Amanda Herr

Correction

The following is a correction to several salaries that were incorrectly printed in the Feb. 20 issue of The Stoutonia. The numbers were incorrectly read at a 50% rate instead of their full-time rate. We apologize for the mistake and assure you that our intentions of reporting the truth remain as firm as ever.

Nick Coenen
Editor-in-Chief, The Stoutonia

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Name	Position	Salary
Peter Heimdahl	Professor	$100,887
Shirly Stewart	Professor	$ 86,832
Judith Jax	Professor	$ 80,898
Joseph Benkowski	Assoc. Prof.	$ 73,824
Carol Mooney	Professor	$ 73,824
Deborah Besser	Asst. Prof.	$ 73,824
Margaret Nelson	Assoc. Prof.	$ 49,337

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Students have voice, but will they use it?

Incase you have been living in a cave, the state's budget has been cut apart and the University of Wisconsin-System is taking a large part of the burden.

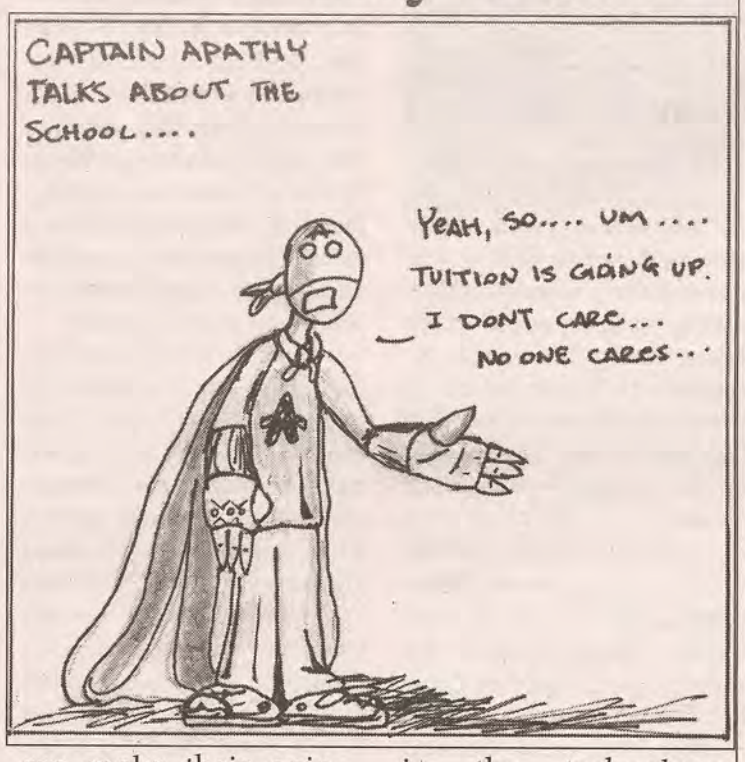
For students across the state this means a number of changes are coming. Increases in tuition are going to happen regardless of how many rallies students orchestrate. Over the next four semesters the tuition will be raised by $250 dollars each semester.

Why not do the tuition hike all at once? Students with fewer than three semesters left to graduate probably aren't in a hurry to pay extra for time they won't be spending at the university.

Rallies are being, and have been, set up to help spread the word that students want to be included in any budget decisions. These rallies will not save schools from having to make cuts to compensate for the lacking funds.

Funding less-than-genius technology agreements takes sums of money. Once the technology is paid for whatever money is remaining will be used to pay for professors, programs, and the other needed elements of a university. And here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, just as all schools in Wisconsin are finding out, programs will need to be cut. Professors will lose their jobs.

There is no undo command when it comes to budgets or economies, so while students cannot stop their universities from making cuts, students can make their opinions known. By attending rallies, writing a letter to the editor and in plenty of other ways, tuition paying college students can have their say in what gets cut. With the students voicing their concerns those making the final say will know how the students feel.



Did the students make their case known in the technology debate? Some would say yes they did, while others would disagree that students had very little say. Issues will keep popping up on this campus as well as across the nation, and if students don't start making their opinions known the future of America will find itself in a world it didn't create.

Who needs sleep? Tell me what it's for



LOLADI
Diane Wichern

I am running on my twenty-seventh hour of not sleeping. I'm slightly incoherent, feeling a little dyslexic and, understandably, my legs ache like there'll be no tomorrow.

I didn't stay awake for a paper, nor to cram for a big exam, but rather I experienced my very first social sleepover last night, although I believe all-nighter would be a more appropriate expression.

My roommate and I came home from dinner at Arby's and got a phone call to come play with some friends of ours. We argued with the vague hope they would come up to our room. We already knew we'd lost before the debate really began so we let them talk us into going down to south campus, after we'd found a ride. We went to a certain hall to watch an undetermined movie and simply hang out.

What we neglected to account for, as we had gotten dropped off, was how we were going to get back to north campus after the evening ended. So for all intents and purposes, we found ourselves stuck.

A long, cold walk with only UW-Stout sweatshirts to console us did not seem to be the most stellar way to end the evening. The predictable delay in the starting of any movie whatsoever are what contributed to us spending the night in our new friend's room.

It was there that we rediscovered hemp in all of its jewelry-making glory, watched small pets get rated for their ability to do tricks on Animal Planet, played a rousing and informative game of Truth-or-Dare (yes we are in college thank you), purposefully propelled ourselves off lofts, and talked the entire night away.

What really impressed itself upon me wasn't the amount of creative activities we came up with to keep ourselves awake and busy, but the relationship that seemed to spring into place almost already in full bloom.

I know from rather personal experience that friendships aren't always the easiest things to create, but I firmly believe that in that one night I got to know some people better than I would have seeing them sporadically over a span of three weeks.

I'm not officially advocating all-nighters as the most ideal way to really get to know new people. I see nothing wrong with the meet-and-greet smalltalk process that allows people to become friends slowly over the aforementioned three week period.

I could have easily come out of that experience feeling incredibly annoyed at everyone I had just spent the night with- but my roommate and I were exceedingly lucky.

We managed to cut through the red tape of greeting without really meeting (in the caring-to-get-to-know-you sense of the phrase).

We turned it into a friendship that I'm sure would have reached this comfort level eventually. Probably even sooner rather than later.

Our decision to have a sleepover catalyzed the association into a full-grown, with all the perks friendship.

It didn't matter that we all had class the next day; it didn't matter that we all knew we really weren't going to go. Nothing mattered but the ambiance we knotted together like our hemp.

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Two sides of the war debate



PointCounterPoint
Belinda Lewis

I have seen political tension in America before, but never have I seen the interesting sides people have taken today in regards to our Middle Eastern conflict. I hope to hit on a view that has not, until this week, been recognized in *The Stoutonia*.

U.S. intentions in the Middle East are clouded depending on whom you talk to. If you listen to the rhetoric and promises coming from the Bush administration, you may believe that we are going to Iraq with nothing but love in our hearts and the lives of the Iraqi people to save. Sure, there will be a bloody phase between now and the time of glory, but in the end, we will come out ahead.

But! Ahead does not mean loosing up to and beyond $95 billion for military, $26 billion in loans and grants to Turkey, loosing the lives of our soldiers as well as countless civilian lives in Iraq, and completely deflating our economy here in an all-out effort to eliminate one single man is a problem. This does not even touch the fact that a war may create more terrorist organizations and more anti-American sentiment internationally.

Why is it that we feel the need to continue to pummel Iraq into the ground? It is a fact that we have bombed this country continuously (about once a week, but lately it has been almost everyday), and then have the audacity to call Iraq "the threat to peace." What the American populace doesn't know is used to knit a very anti-Iraqi story onto the FOX news channel. In the past four months, a large percentage of the populace won't swallow what is pumped onto their televisions. I believe this is due in large part to the communications going on via the internet, and it has proven to be a very mighty thing.

I am one of those who will not swallow what is forced onto them through media propaganda and predigested talk by un-elected officials. It is easy to discount my opinion by arguing that I don't know what is going on, or calling me un-American. Simply because my thoughts are different than Mr. George W. Bush does not mean that I don't have good reasons behind them.

I am an open and honest person, and listen to National Public Radio as well as the corporate-owned television stations to find my own balance, and for as much as I've learned, a war is not making sense to me.

The proof for the validity of the anti-war movement comes from both sides of the street. I have talked to Republicans against a war, religious folks against a war, and I have met the old and young against the war. Since so many people from all spectrums have figured out that pushing war doesn't make financial, political or humanitarian sense, then why do we still have to deal with this issue?

While arguing with my colleague who has polarized himself to the opposite side of my own, he argued that a war would eliminate the major threat to U.S. soil: Saddam Hussein.

Saddam Hussein stands between us and peace in the Middle East, and what do I, as a proponent of peace, believe will achieve the elimination of this aggressor?

This is a difficult question, and the answer I propose is a question, as well. Why is it that Saddam feels the need to be aggressive? It is simply because that is the way he has been delt with by American policies and attacks. Why not remove the cause of his distress? American troops.

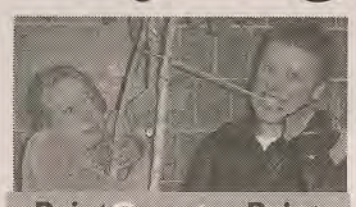
Iraqi people have suffered under U.S. sanctions too long; they are starved and desolate, having seen their own country reduced to shambles and their children die by the thousands. Why don't we, as a democratic country, feed those who are hungry and allow them to re-build their water purification systems? The largest problem in Iraq is not one you will hear on CBS or NBC. We as a people have to come together to solve the injustices of our governments, be it Saddam Hussein or George W. Bush.

My feelings of patriotism are stronger than ever. I love this country that affords me the luxuries I have, and I work toward a future I can be proud of and excited for. I give back to my community and speak out against our over-zealous militar. I would hope that any other country would do the same for us under similar threat.

I know that if I met an Iraqi child tomorrow, I could look him in the eye and tell him that I am here in America fighting for him and I am not ashamed of that. I think of him, and of my own family, and I believe that I am doing the right thing.

For more information, including the last time we've bombed Iraq, please visit either of these sites. http://www.antiwar.com or also to http://www.wispeace.org

Trying to understand Saddam's war



PointCounterPoint
John Harsdorf

In this article I'll be writing a counter-point article with a fellow student whose opinion I respect, but respectfully disagree with. Hopefully this will provide a constructive dialogue at Stout to address the importance of world events and the effects on us as students. We both decided that we agree on a goal of world peace, and so we will focus on how achieving peace in Iraq should be handled. That being said, in my opinion I believe that to preserve the peace and freedoms we enjoy, we must act now on Saddam Hussein.

Sure we can all agree Saddam is a bad man and terrible leader, but isn't the whole cause of this thing oil? Isn't the Bush administration going into Iraq so we can have enough cheap fuel to start our own Stout NASCAR racing team? The fact is that if we had wanted more oil at lower prices, we could get it from Kuwait, Saudi Arabia or the other middle-east countries where our troops are deployed. The simple truth is that we did not take over Kuwait's oil fields in 1991, and we won't if there's a next time.

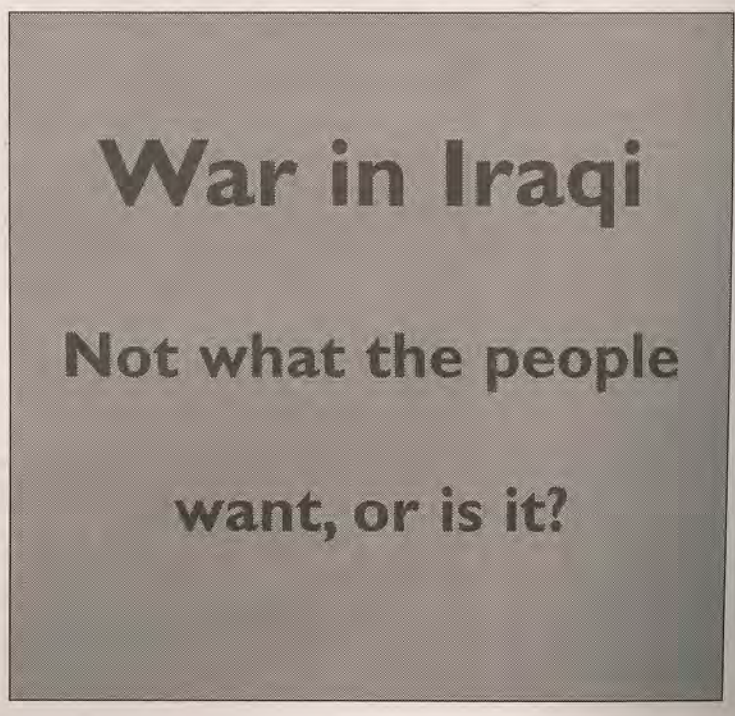
The real country I see at fault here is Saddam's regime which has truly pursued what I call "oil for blood," demonstrated in both his war with Iran, and then with the take-over of Kuwait. In fact, the country really interested in oil is France. That's right, the champion of the world peace movement receives most of their oil from Saddam. No wonder they have allowed Saddam to continue his repressive regime of fear and terror to rule the people of Iraq.

I hope at this point we can all agree that this man needs to be removed from power. I also think we can agree that no one desires a war in Iraq, and yes, this even includes me. Peace is truly the ultimate goal here, but our difference lies in the means by which we will most successfully accomplish this lofty goal of peace. I never meant to condemn any of the students at UW-Stout who have attended peace rallies, but it really bothers me that without their knowing, they are inherently helping a group whose motives they should be questioning.

In this quest for peace, it is important that we truly realize that it is our lives and the lives of people in our nation that are at stake. Countries can no longer be "contained" as they have in the past. New chemical and biological weapons have brought their danger level to new heights. This is called asymmetrical warfare, where a third world country through means of biological warfare can kill two to three million Americans by spraying just 200 pounds of Anthrax into the air. The cost of the 9/11 attacks cost us thousands of lives, as well as trillions of dollars in our economy, so can we really put a price on the defense of a future attack on America?

Saddam has proved to the world over and over again that he can not be trusted by his devious behavior. How much longer will his refusal to obey UN resolutions force America into bombing his military and inadvertently the innocent civilians of Iraq? These people have been living in fear for 12 years, and many of them will welcome the removal of their leader.

In realizing the dream of peace throughout the world we must not back down from the things that have challenged us today as Americans. Peace is something unknown to the people of Iraq, and may very well never be known if this man is left in power. Peace isn't something that is given freely, and it will always require us to address whatever may threaten it. Saddam Hussein is now a greater threat to the peace in our world than ever, and by allowing his regime to continue, I feel we have not only turned our back on the people he oppresses, but the peace we all strive to achieve.



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Letters to the Editor

Enjoyed dating article

Dear Editor-

I will have to comment on the article, "Dating better without the dating part." I have to agree with Diane Wichern. People take way too seriously the basis of sex as a foundation of a relationship. Tell me what exactly a partner really has to offer after going all the way.

I overhear so many guys talk about going to scope out some ladies tonight with the intention to get jiggy with it and it makes me wonder what morale do they have. That all there is to life is stimulation, I think not!!

So I feel many guys should challenge themselves to actually meet women for the intention of meeting their personality instead of meeting their body. Take sex as a treasure instead of just a piece of ass. Take it as the ultimate gift you can share with that special partner. Pick people you want to know instead of just wanting what's in their pants. For gosh sakes, Keep your pants on. Don't wimp out, BE A MAN, BE WHO YOU ARE. Can you be a man and stand up and represent yourself without your penis as your sponsor?

Justin Marquardt

Mr. Marquardt,

Many students on our campus probably share your opinion. On the other hand, it is obvious that many more do not. Thank you for writing in and supporting a student writer. Each week in the opinions section *The Stoutonia* will do it's best to have an article that agrees with many different tastes here at UW-Stout. Thank you for reading and writing in.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

More on underage issue

I'd like to respond to Joe Thompson's note on underage drinking in last week's Stoutonia. Like Joe, a lot of people feel strongly about this issue and many students believe drinking age laws are a heavy-handed scheme to extinguish a treasured college tradition. The real myth is that a lower drinking age would somehow lead to positive change.

I've worked as a UW-Stout AOD education specialist since 1986, the year the drinking age went from 19 to 21. I wish others could have seen what a 19 year old drinking age looked like. Under the influence students produced an amazing amount of personal and community destruction.

Some argue that a lower drinking age would lead to young people drinking in a "controlled environment" like taverns. What really happened was that young and inexperienced drinkers went to house parties and drank themselves into oblivion. While drinking isn't inherently bad and most people drink in moderation, the younger student often lost control.

Across the country concerned parents and legislators were looking for ways to curb the carnage. Research clearly showed that states with a higher drinking age lost fewer young people to auto crashes, accidents, drowning, falls, assaults, etc. Parents demanded a change – legislators complied. Within a short time, deaths from alcohol related auto crashes dropped by nearly 40% for this age group.

Today Menomonie is planning to take another step by eliminating the large house party where hosts sell alcohol without a license to underage people. First offense fines for these violations have been raised to $721.00 and $411.00 respectively. That means that each host can be fined $1,132.00 for sponsoring a house party. Plans are underway to cite every underage person at large house parties as well.

The real goal is to have a safe and civil community. City and university officials would be delighted if they never had to write another AOD related citation.

Allen Ebel
Counseling Center

Mr. Ebel,

Thank you for writing in with another side to the underage drinking issue. While I cannot be completely sure what your stance on underage drinking is I can agree with what you are saying. The drinking age was raised for the safety of the underage consumers and the community they reside in.

Way to go students

Way to go students! Even though you do not have the correct salaries for many of the "low end" people, your point is well made. We can all see where the money is going. These administrative salaries have gotten out of hand. Your list included only a small handful of the top people. There are many, many more that should have been mentioned.

Remember, classified staff wages haven't been raised for a couple of years, and they are lower than industry standards to begin with.

Sharon Louise Droege

Ms. Droege,

The staff writers of that story put a lot of time into it and your feedback is appreciated. *The Stoutonia* apologizes for the incorrect salary information that was given. Efforts will be made in the future to assure that such an unfortunate mistake does not happen again. Thank you for writing in and expressing your opinion.

Harsdorf's authentic

I am writing in response to Darrin Witucki's immature attack on John Harsdorf's "Common Sense" articles. He claims that Harsdorf's articles are lacking authenticity—but I failed to see any facts to back that up. I guess I was always taught that if you are going to criticize something you'd better have something to validate it. It made me even more surprised knowing that Witucki is an administrative staff member at Stout. I really expected more professionalism on his part.

Personally, I have enjoyed Harsdorf's articles and hope they continue. There is room in every newspaper for both sides of the story. Grow up Darrin.

Sincerely,
Susan Dalton
UW-Stout Student

Ms. Dalton,

We enjoy presenting as many of the student body's opinions as possible, and Mr. Harsdorf appears to have found a very large readership within that population.

In response to your letter to the editor, perhaps you misunderstood Mr. Witucki's letter. I believe he was not insulting John Harsdorfs ability to write, but rather poking fun of the style and passion with which they are written.

Thank you for writing in and expressing your opinion.

More Harsdorf discussion

Just wanted to comment on a few points in the recent articles by John Harsdorf. John, I know you despise Democrats more than terrorists, but come on, blaming the Clinton Administration for all our current problems; you've got to be kidding. This stuff has been festering long before Clinton was around. But hey this is America and I'd die for your right to make outrageous claims. Secondly, The United States is a very generous country, but comparatively we are not. We spend less than 2% of our GDP per year on humanitarian and foreign aid while European countries lead the way at 15-20%. Yes, we need to fix our own economy first, but as the leader of the free world should we not be setting the example?

As for the war in Iraq-I find myself asking the same question I asked at the end of the Gulf War-why is Saddam still in power? This current scenario was so inevitable and predictable. No one seems to realize the first time around we were in a position to remove him and didn't; further showing "...our restraint from using military power." We knew exactly where Saddam and his officials were, but decided not to go after them. Norman Schwarzkopf himself was equally frustrated on a recent History Channel interview why we never followed through. Saddam is a modern day Hitler, but the same mistakes that led to World War II seem to be repeating themselves. Perhaps we'd not be in this situation had we finished the job. We also need to be declassifying more of the evidence of what's going on in Iraq to show the world why we are doing what we are doing. I'm all for this war, but I only hope George junior finishes what his dad didn't. My $.02

A concerned Stout alumni
Tony Alafouzos

Mr. Alafouzos,

Thank you for writing in with your two cents. Mr. Harsdorf is far from a democrat lover and I know for a fact he would rather be stuck in a room full of democrats than one of terrorists, but I believe you were just trying to make your point.

Next let me agree that as the world's hyperpower the U.S. should be putting far more than two percent of its GDP into foreign aid. We should be leading the world with more than just the sword.

Finally let me say that Iraq's President Hussien is not the leader the U.S. had hoped for, but as a leading country among the United Nations, we must follow its decisions regarding any possible war.

Slant is twisted

Hi. My name is Brian P. Buck. I have a concern about the Stoutonia. I have written in before and I appreciate you printing my article. I am very upset with next weeks "Campus Slant" question. How dare you joke about military at a time like this. I am ashamed for you. I would be embarrassed to be a part of the stoutonia. I understand that this campus is liberal and that the paper is an opinion style of newspaper but how dare you bring that question up right now. I have friends over in the middle east that risk their lives for you to write in your dinky little campus newsletter and look how you pay them back. Get a life and change the question. I am ashamed to even be a part of this campus and stout community because of people like you. Next weeks question should be, "What have we done to make this country better"? or "Why are we such selfish, liberal jerks who make jokes about our military during a time of crisis"? Thank you very Much!

Brian P Buck

Mr. Buck,

First let me say thank you for writing in, and that everyone here at *The Stoutonia* respect the men and women who protect our freedom. Speaking for those who work here at the student paper we do our best to cover all of the possible opinions that are on a campus of over 7,000 students. Our thoughts and prayers are with our armed forces deployed in over 40 countries around the world.

Alumni speaks out

I see that Chancellor Chucky is at it again. He uses scare tactics to skew the truth.

In order to be labeled a budget cut you must receive less money than you did last year. What he is talking about is adjusting the budgets because of his administrations shortsighted budget practices. To label these adjustments as cuts is a LIE.

He is painting a bleak picture because he is not getting as much money as he wanted to, but it is still more than he got last year.

C'mon Chucky, practice some financial responsibility. Instead of taking away from some of the services provided to students, lay off or fire those individuals that are responsible for putting the university in financial trouble.

Scott Jungmann
BFA 1994

Mr. Jungmann,

Thank you for you interesting take on the current budget situation. All of the students here at UW-Stout are hoping that there will be changes made to meet these difficult times.

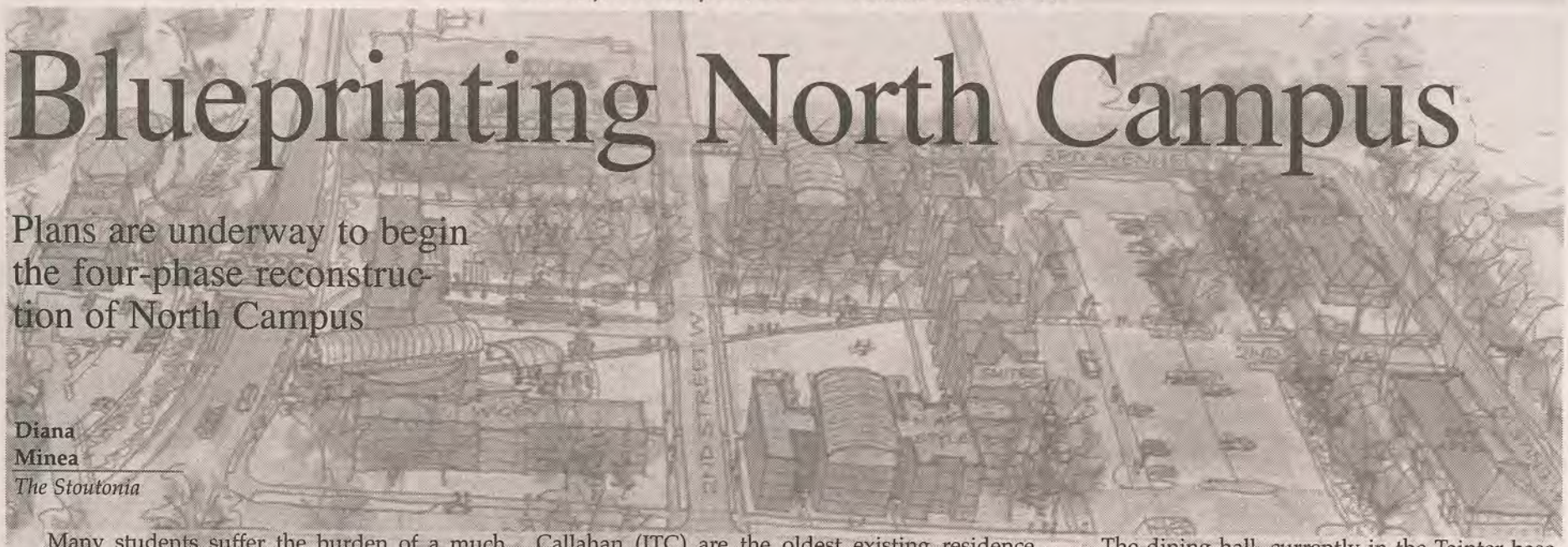
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Blueprinting North Campus

Plans are underway to begin the four-phase reconstruction of North Campus



Diana Minea
The Stoutonia

Many students suffer the burden of a much longer walk each day, being residents of Hovlid, Fleming, Jeter or one of the other North Campus dorms. Their dorms are basically the same as those on South Campus with the exception of Wigen ,which is older.

This might not seem to make sense, but in the next 15 to 20 years North Campus will be completely redefined and renovated. The students on North Campus will still have a longer walk to class, but they will have the benefits of new buildings including a dining hall, a multi-purpose meeting facility and most importantly, the addition of suite and apartment style dorms.

"The changing needs of our student body were asking for a different kind of living facility," said John Enger, director of university relations. "When these halls were built, the needs of students were much different than they are now."

Connected buildings Jeter, Tainter and Callahan (JTC) are the oldest existing residence halls, built in the mid 1950's. As residents of this hall can tell by cold showers and unpredictable outlets, the plumbing and electric systems of the buildings are deteriorating due to their age. Instead of renovating JTC, the North Campus Planning Committee decided to create a new building and eventually JTC will be torn down.

"It was determined that there were too many things structurally wrong with the system to repair," said Enger.

Keeping up with maintenance issues that occur in JTC have already proven to be costly, but with upcoming budget cuts it seems as though a project of this scale and cost would be the first to be terminated. However, the money that is being used to make this nearly $50 million project possible is coming only from the students annual housing fees, and not a cent is being used from taxpayer's pockets.

Renovation costs would be close to those of creating a new building, and through talking with students and observing the success of Chancellor's Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, the committee determined that students wanted a new style of living.

"They would love somewhere on campus where they could have the camaraderie of dorms along with the privacy of single rooms and suites," said head of Housing and Residence Life Scott Griesbach. "Through this plan they can make all the friendships as well as have their privacy."

A typical room in the new building will include multiple bedrooms, a bathroom complete with a separate sink area, a kitchenette and a living room area for up to four students to share. The buildings will also have higher ceilings, air conditioning and elevators.

Most of the plans have been based with the idea that North Campus will become a move-up area for upperclassmen. The apartment feeling of the newer dorms as well as the new dining hall are being planned with that idea in mind.

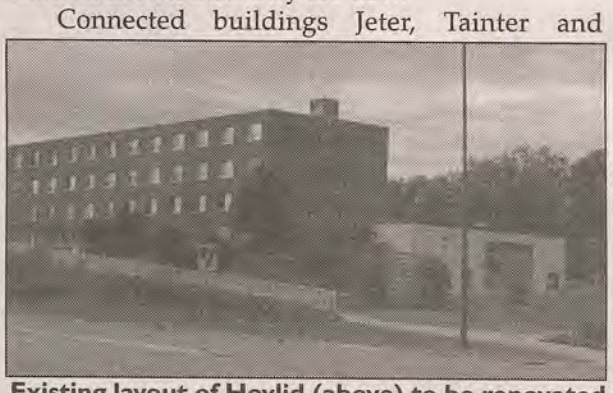
The dining hall, currently in the Tainter basement, will eventually move to the other side of Broadway, and will be either attached to Hovlid Hall, or may be a free standing building. The type of dining service it will accommodate is still questionable, but a convenience store is a likely part of that facility.

Students are pleased with the idea of having newer buildings and different styles of residence halls than those already available on campus.

"To me it is a more realistic college experience," said Brittney Hunter a freshman majoring in special education. "It will be a lot more cozy than living in a small space with another person and will include a lot more privacy on top of that."

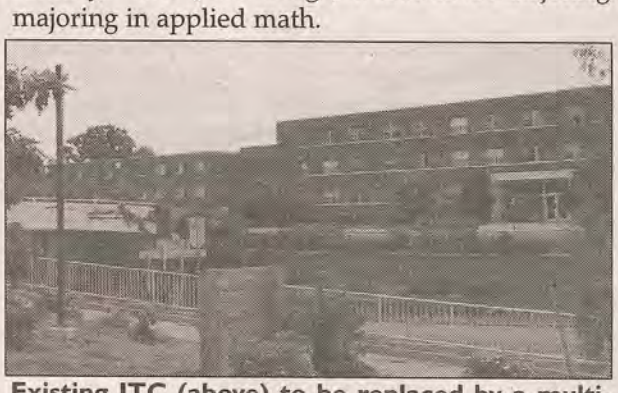
The project is still in its design stage, but construction of the new hall will begin in early 2004.

"It's about time that Stout moves into the 21st century," said Josh Lange, a freshman majoring majoring in applied math.



Existing layout of Hovlid (above) to be renovated and a new dining facility to be added (below).





Existing JTC (above) to be replaced by a multi-use facility (below).



Students stand strong behind their heritage

Missy Powell
The Stoutonia

Black History month in February is more than just embracing the history of African-Americans. According to members of The Black Student Union (BSU) at the University of Wisconsin-Stout it is also a celebration of the future.

The BSU recently celebrated Black History month by showing a film series and throwing the annual BSU Ball which took place on Sat. Feb. 22.

According to Angelique Dirreen, historian for the BSU and a sophomore in human development and family studies, the BSU Ball was a huge success and had over 100 participants.

Dirreen noted that there was a lot of effort and hard work that went into putting the ball together.

"We started planning the month before winter break," she said.

Dusty Perryman, President of the BSU, is a sophomore majoring in hospitality and tourism.

Perryman said that putting an activity together such as the ball cost somewhere between $3,000-$4,000.

Trista Glover, a junior majoring in psychology, is also the Director of Diversity at UW-Stout. She thinks celebrating Black History is important.

"We should celebrate being a group of people that are equal," she said.

Glover added, "We want all people to have the ability to feel equal...everyone should have the ability to express it."

Perryman does not believe that the campus gets involved enough.

"People may be confused on what diversity is," he said.

Perryman added that people try to sugar-coat certain aspects of history. Students may learn about Martin Luther King and Malcolm-X, but they don't learn about many others.

"(It's) remembering where we came from and seeing how far we've come," Perryman commented.

Dirreen agreed, noting that celebrating Black History month is a way to educate others about how minorities have made an impact and to celebrate things that have happened outside the history books.

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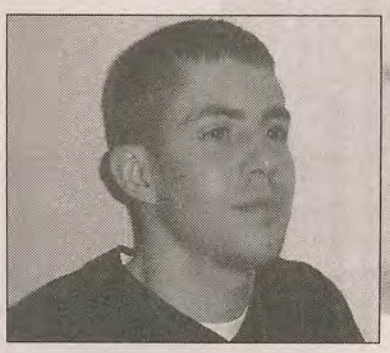
What would you do to get out of serving in the military?



"Get knocked-up!"
~Bethany Schafer(L),
soph., fashion design
~Amy Krause(R),
soph., fashion design

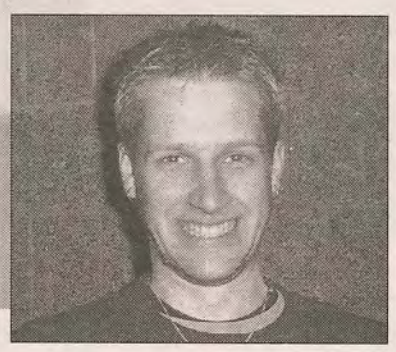


"Break my knees."
~Kat Every
jr., interior decorating



"I'm not a very violent person, but if you ask me any more questions I'll kick your ass!"
~Nate Oaksford
sr., technical education

"Cut off one of my legs and add it to a certain other part of my body."
~Jeff Sawyer
sr., psychology



Next Week:

What would Menomonie need to become a spring break get-a-way?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

spring break photo contest

hand in photos* to the SOC desk

by **April 1st**

*Submitted photos containing alcohol will be digitally edited. Photos with nudity will not be considered.

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History / roots to wings

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Illustration by Tiffany Laschinger and Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

According to Tony Queen, academic advisor for mulicultual students at UW-Stout the BSU started around 15 years ago.

"Treating people as you would like to be treated is what the organization stands for," Queen said. "[There is] always the likelihood of discrimination in every setting."

Queen mentioned that although the likelihood does exist, the more people deal with diversity, the more discrimination can be limited.

Glover added that the UW-Stout campus could use more diversifying.

"I've seen worse, but I've seen better," Glover said.

The BSU is often thought of as an all-black-only-black student club.

"Just because it has the word black in front of it they think they can't join," said Dirreen.

Queen, Perryman and Dirreen all agree that the BSU's goal is to open other's eyes and to promote not only diversity, but also awareness to the campus.

Queen believes that the more people understand, not only about African-Americans, but other minorities as well, it will make the campus better.

Glover adds, "Those who forget history repeat it."

BSU meetings are every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center and are open to everyone.

Remembering history is important for more than just one month out of the year.

And Perryman stated "Celebrating Black History means celebrating American History."

BSU

BLACK STUDENT UNION

The rings in the BSU logo represent the three colors of the African flag: red, green and black.

Co-ed sleeping: more than just a fantasy

Krystle Williams
The Stoutonia

Can't we all just get along? Living with another human being can prove to be quite an experience.

As the search for future roommates continue for some, the question remains: which sex is the easiest to live with?

Jennifer Sheffer, a junior majoring in psychology, lives with four other females.

Being stuck with four women may be every male's fantasy, but is it really all it is cracked up to be?

"It has its ups and downs," Sheffer said. "If you put anyone together for that long of time, there's going to be fights. We all get along pretty well although we're all different."

Who would be the perfect roommate then?

"People who clean up after themselves are easier to live with. It doesn't matter who it is," said Scott Ernster, a senior majoring in business.

Ernster has had previous and sometimes not so pleasant experiences, living with a house full of males. Now, he's moved to a balanced home environment with three women and three men, including him.

He recommends co-ed living to everyone.

"Because girls are clean," Ernster explained.

Kandice O'Brian, a senior majoring in human development and family studies, lives with Ernster and agrees that living with co-ed is the best way to go if you want a balanced environment.

Of course, there will always be some bumps along the road to harmony.

"Guys are loud; they like loud music, movies, toys, cars, bottle rockets. All loud," said O'Brian.

So who's on the telephone longer, while the guys are being loud?

"Girls, hands down," Ernster said. "Girls are all long-winded. They like to hear themselves talk."

Both sexes do agree on one thing though.

It may come as no surprise, that both males and females like to have a good time and drink. Sometimes it even causes them to do things that maybe they would never necessarily do.

So who is responsible for stealing or borrowing more of their roommates' food?

Ernster said, "It depends on who's drunk or not."

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Bang on the trashcan all day



CONCERT REVIEW
Janelle Klander

Take four guys, some drumsticks, a trashcan, a sink and throw in a chainsaw and you have music.

I do have to mention that they're not just your typical guys; Zach, Aaron, Justin and Ethan are extremely talented drummers that call themselves *Recycled Percussion*.

At 8 p.m. last Thursday night the band that is known for creating music from trash made their debut at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. The stage resembled a junkyard with most things held together by duct tape.



Courtesy of: recycledpercussion.com
Band members execute an impressive beat boxing number at the show last Thursday night.

The band has performed at halftime shows for the NFL and NBA games as well as with *LL Cool J, Godsmack* and *Staind*.



A high energy level kept the audience tuned-in to the action. It was easy to see these men were natural performers from the continual laughter and cheers heard from the audience.

"I'm just amazed," said Luke Kunze, a senior in technology education. "I didn't know humans could move body parts that quick. It was crazy."

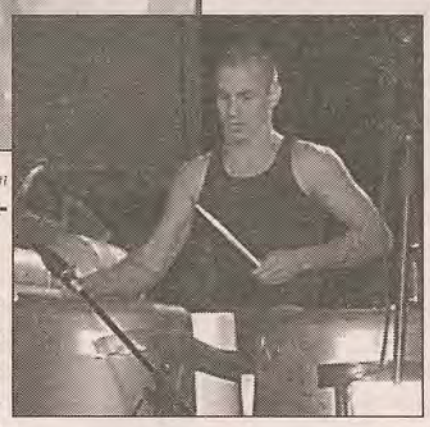
Kunze was referring to band member Justin, who is known as the world's fastest extreme drummer.

At one point in the show, the band members were drumming on themselves as well as each other, and it still sounded good. A very entertaining part of the show was when they revealed their impressive talent of beat boxing.

The band involved the audience by throwing drumsticks into the crowd and by playing Marco Polo. Not only is the band gifted, they are also extremely humorous. *Recycled Percussion* recently came across an abundance of permanent markers that were given out at the door, promoting the idea of writing on your neighbor, but most of all, having fun.

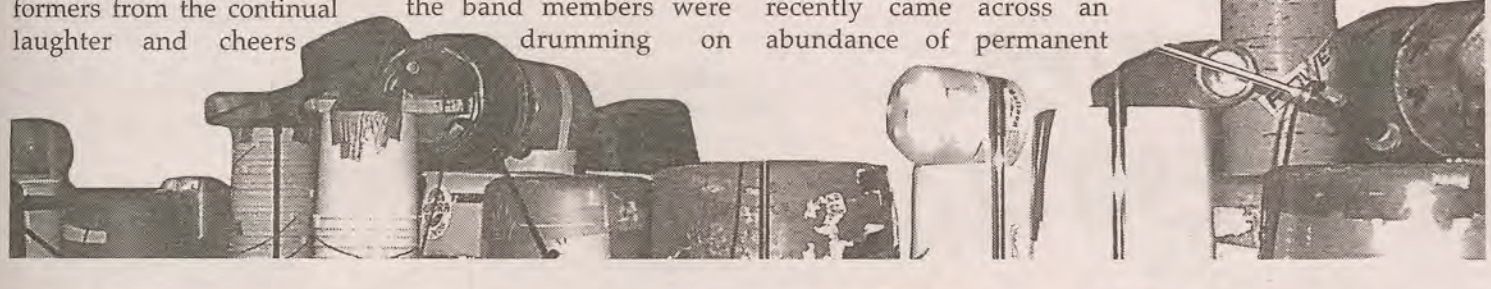
Girls swarmed the band after the show, looking for autographs on various body parts, while other fans stood in line to buy their new DVD or get their drumstick signed.

"This was way better," said Katherine Kleinwort, a freshman in food science and technology. "It was amazing what four people and junk could actually do."



When asking how *Recycled Percussion* measures up to similar performances, some UW-Stout students say others don't compare.

"I'm really impressed," said Scottie Prihoda, a sophomore in business administration. "I've seen lots of different things like it, but they were by far the best."



No snow, we'll still go



Courtesy of: skigranitepeak.com
Snowboarding has been gaining popularity at the ski slopes during the past few years. These boarders take a break on the hill that overlooks Wausau while spending the day at Granite Peak ski area.

Kim Hauschildt
The Stoutonia

As winter slowly winds down, many snowboarders and avid skiers look for ski resorts in the area to make the most of this mild winter.

For reasonable rates, there are many local ski resorts available to go to.

Granite Peak, formerly Rib Mountain, lies in the center of the state in Wausau, Wis., and is the highest skiable mountain in the state. It also boasts to have the second highest vertical in the Midwest at 700 feet.

Bruce Mound prides itself on being one of Wisconsin's great attractions, with premium skiing conditions in a winter wonderland. The slopes are lighted for fantastic night adventures, and state-of-the-art snowmaking and grooming capabilities make every day like a fresh snowfall. Bruce Mound is located 15 miles north of Black River Falls, Wis. on Highway 12/27 or 15 miles south of Neillsville, Wis. on Highway 95.

Afton Alps has skiing and snowboarding for everyone's budget and is usually open before all of the other resorts in the area.

"My funding right now is not the highest, being that

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Feb. 27 - Mar. 5

Thursday, Feb. 27
- 3-9:30 p.m., **Coffee Mill Ski Area special**, $10 lift ticket, $8 equipment rental, bring UW-Stout ID
- 4 p.m., **Devin Corbin**, creative nonfiction and environmental writing author, Student Gallery Rm. 209 APPA.
- 4:15 p.m., **Body Talk II discussion group**, 425 Bowman Hall
- 7 p.m., **Jon LaForge, speaker**, "Depleted uranium and its use by the military," UW-Eau Claire President's Room
- 8 p.m., **Open Mic Night**, Heritage Café
- 8 p.m., **South Pacific**, Menomonie Theater Guild, $12/student, $13/public

Friday, Feb. 28
- 7 p.m., **Bowling for Columbine/Super Sucker DOUBLE HEADER**, State 4 Theater, $3
- 7 p.m., **Relay For Life Opening Ceremony,** MPR Johnson Fieldhouse.

Saturday, Mar. 1
- 2 a.m. **Easy Chair**, band, during Relay For Life
- 7 a.m., **Relay For Life Closing Ceremony**
- 8 p.m., **South Pacific**, Menomonie Theater Guild, $12/student, $13/public

Sunday, Mar. 2
- 2 p.m., **South Pacific**, final showing, Menomonie Theater Guild, $12/student, $13/public
- 8 p.m., **Kevin Barnes of Montrea**l, band, Huff's, $2.50/student, $5/public

Monday, Mar. 2
- 4:15-6 p.m., **"The Cycle of Fear and White Privilege: Two Ways to Diversify your Mind,"** Ballroom A, MSC

Tuesday, Mar. 3
No events scheduled

Wednesday, Mar. 4
- 7-9 p.m., **Poets Against the War, readings & discussion**, Friends Meeting House, 1718 10th St.
- 8 p.m., **Tammy Pescatelli**, comedian, Huff's, $2.50/student, $5/public

Thursday, Mar.5
- 8 p.m., **A Whisper in the Noise**, band, Heritage Café
- 7-9 p.m., **"Beyond the Mirage: The Face of the Occupation,"** video, Menomonie Leisure Center

Have anything to add to the Campus Calender? Send suggestions to Belinda @ Stoutonia or lewisb@uwstout.edu

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Bizarre bids to buy on eBay

Bill Denney
The Stoutonia

With the economy of our country down as it is, we are starting to see an increase in the odd ways people are attempting to make money. No doubt selling drugs and prostitution is on the rise; however, some people have resorted to the solution to all problems, the Internet.

eBay.com is known as the world's best online marketplace. One can find most anything at eBay, from cars to plots of land, a pencil or even a chance to get beat up.

"I remember this one time I saw an auction of a guy who wanted to get paid to come over and kick your ass," said Jacob Scott, a freshman in manufacturing engineering. "Who the hell would pay someone to do that? I'll do it for free!"

It's true there are many bizarre items to be found at eBay. People have been known to attempt to sell novelty plastic bags for as much as $10.

"Plastic bags? Wow, that's crazy," said Matt Skwier-czynski, a sophomore in multimedia design. "Do they sell garbage?"

Garbage is yet to be found on eBay, but how about some leftover pancakes? It's true that a plate of half-eaten pancakes was purchased on eBay after Lance Bass of N'Sync was unable to pound them down at a small-town café. How it was sent through the mail is anyone's guess.

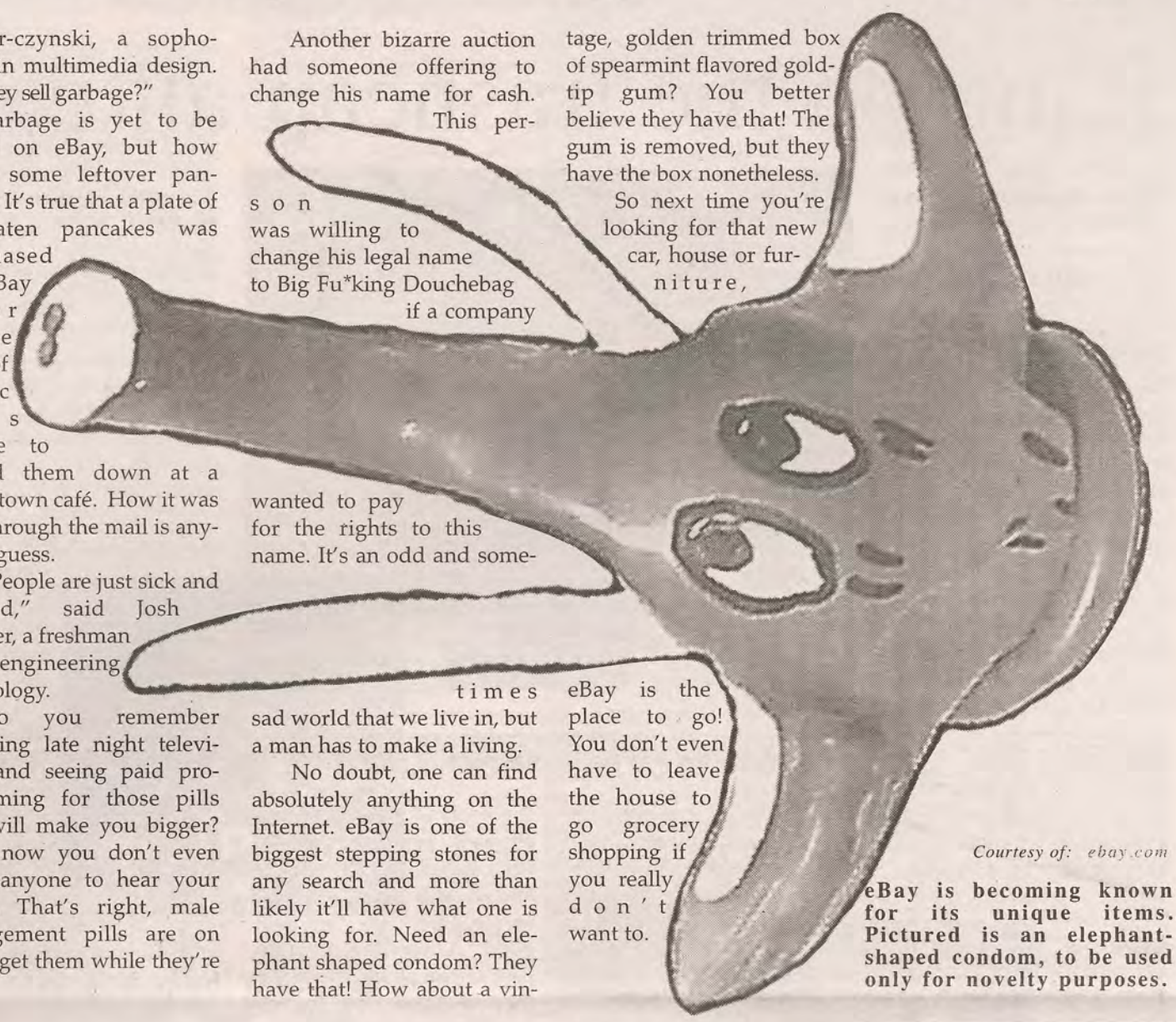
"People are just sick and twisted," said Josh Klecker, a freshman in engineering technology.

Do you remember watching late night television and seeing paid programming for those pills that will make you bigger? Well, now you don't even need anyone to hear your voice. That's right, male enlargement pills are on eBay; get them while they're hot!

Another bizarre auction had someone offering to change his name for cash. This person was willing to change his legal name to Big Fu*king Douchebag if a company wanted to pay for the rights to this name. It's an odd and sometimes sad world that we live in, but a man has to make a living.

No doubt, one can find absolutely anything on the Internet. eBay is one of the biggest stepping stones for any search and more than likely it'll have what one is looking for. Need an elephant shaped condom? They have that! How about a vintage, golden trimmed box of spearmint flavored gold-tip gum? You better believe they have that! The gum is removed, but they have the box nonetheless.

So next time you're looking for that new car, house or furniture, eBay is the place to go! You don't even have to leave the house to go grocery shopping if you really don't want to.



Courtesy of: ebay.com

eBay is becoming known for its unique items. Pictured is an elephant-shaped condom, to be used only for novelty purposes.

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Snow / Ski resorts forced to make artificial snow

I am a college student, but Afton's prices aren't bad," said Adam Beers, a sophomore majoring in technology education.

Nestled in the St. Croix River Valley just minutes east of the Twin Cities, Afton Alps is the place to ski and snowboard. The resort also has moguls which are bumps in the slopes that add more of a challenge for skiers.

"Afton actually has moguls, which most resorts don't," said Jesse Davis, a freshman majoring in business. "Skiing is more fun with moguls."

Afton has 41 trails, 18 lifts, five chalets, three rental shops and a ski school staff of 300 to help give skiers the best possible experience.

Christie Mountain is located near Bruce, Wis. It has good rails and a really nice spine for skiers and snowboarders. On-site log cabins are available or there are motels in nearby Wisconsin towns of Bruce, Cameron, Ladysmith, Weyerhauser and Rice Lake.



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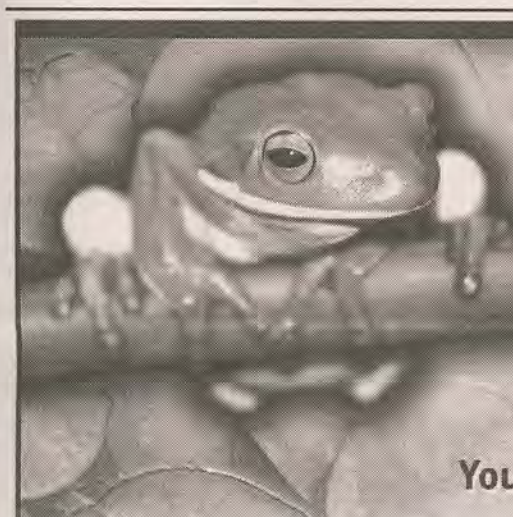
After going down a half-pipe, this snowboarder gets massive air at Granite Peak ski area in Wausau.

Coffee Mill, named after a historic navigational point along the Mississippi River, offers some of the best skiing with a unique bowl arrangement for convenient lift accessibility and protection from cold winter winds.

"Coffee Mill has lots of different snowboarding hills that fit my snowboarding needs," said Warren Boyea, a freshman majoring in telecommunication systems.

Many area snow resorts have had to make their own snow due to the mild winters. Even though the snow covers the hills enough for skiers to participate in their favorite winter activity, a real snowfall would have been nice.

"This year, with the mild winter, the slopes aren't the same for skiing," said Davis. "Nothing compares to a real snowfall and being the first to plow your way through it, but I'll take the artificial [snow] as long as I can still ski."



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ALLSMILES
Brianna Schrader

A vivid and fond memory from my childhood was the occurance of hearing live music. As long as I can remember, music was a part of my life in one way or another. Whether it was my older brother concentrating extremely hard keeping the beat, drumming to *Huey Lewis and the News* in our basement, me practicing my violin or going to hear my dad's band play at clubs and festivals, I had music in my blood. This has definitely created a deep appreciation of music within me that continues to exist today.

My dad has been in bands since the age of 14 and because of this I have had the privilege of being brought up in an environment where music was an important element of life. I lived for the nights his band would play and I was able to go hear them.

Even when I was in utero, my mom attended my dad's band's gigs and from that point on, I was hooked.

I recall as a toddler, I would fall asleep during the performances and my mom would push two chairs together for me to sleep on. That explains why I am such a sound sleeper.

Back in middle school, I also remember the dreadful day when I received word that the band was splitting up. My heart sank. It seemed like an eternity since my dad had not been in a band.

I realized after several years of bandless weekends that as the members grew older, they also got busier and more specific in their musical tastes. It became increasingly difficult to form a band and keep it going. To my sheer enjoyment, about a year and a half ago, my dad finally got a band going again.

The band will be playing this weekend in Eau Claire, at a place full of memories of the good old days when I wasn't old enough to get in.

Having a dad as a musician is something I am very proud of. It is something that not many people can say about their dads. I am very grateful that I have had such musical exposure.

Now when I attend gigs, I enjoy thinking back to my carefree childhood days.

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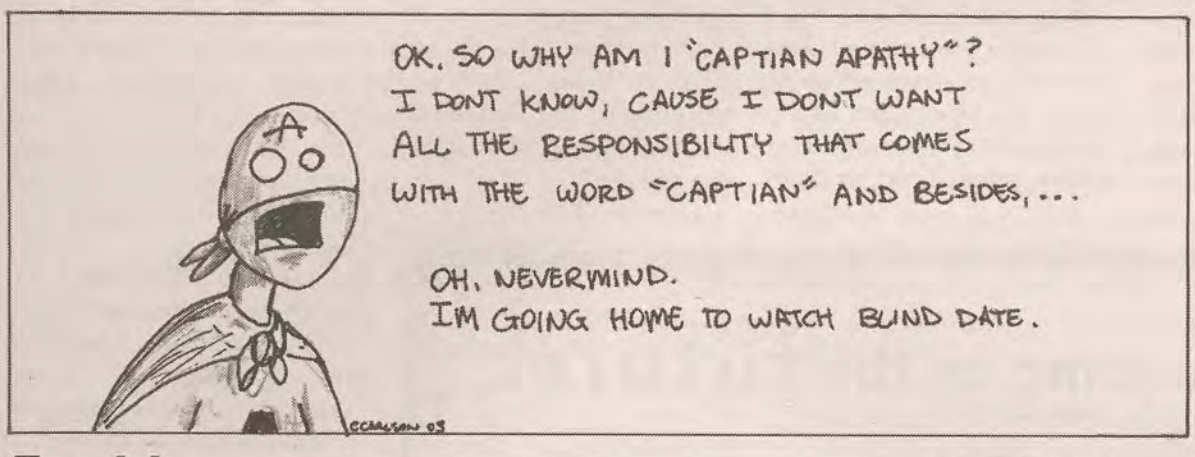
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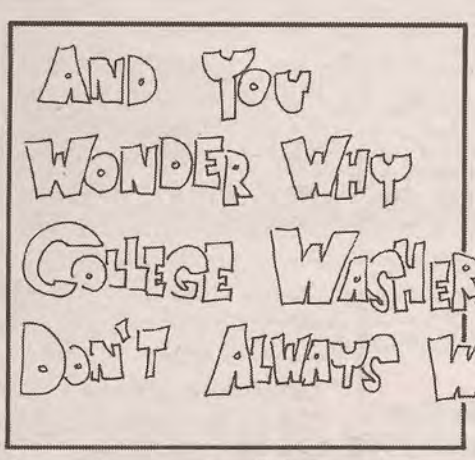
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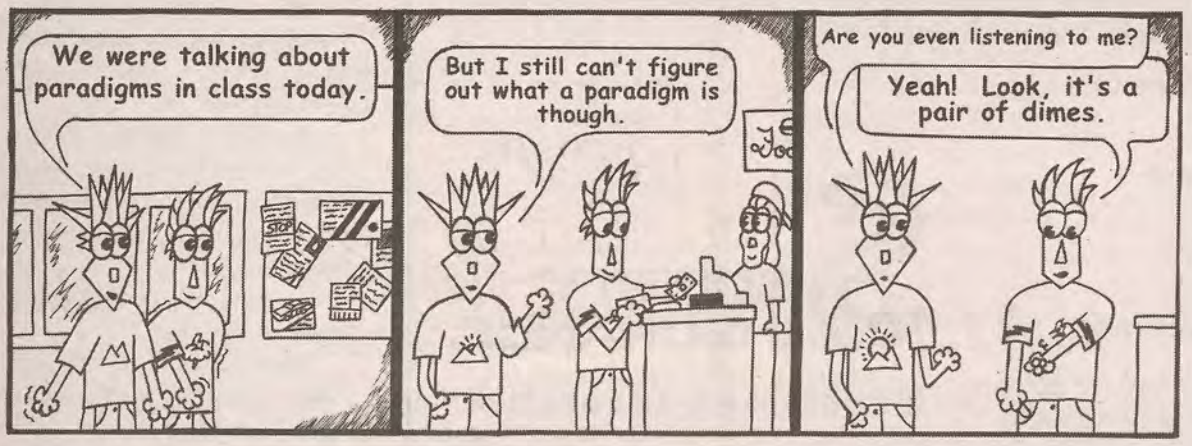
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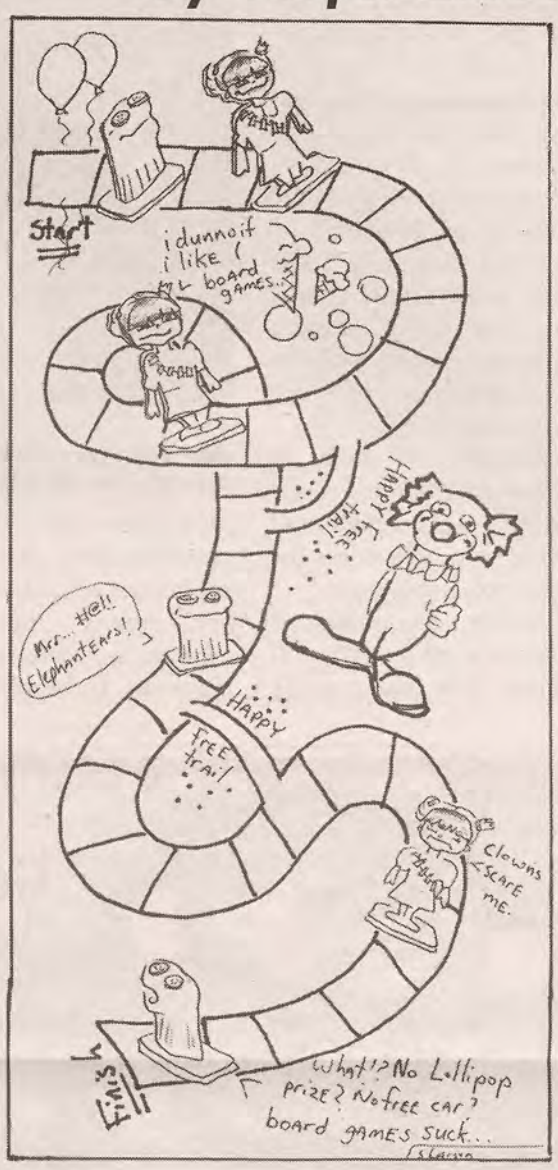
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Supersonics trade with Bucks

Ryan Wessley
The Stoutonia

In a trade-deadline blockbuster on Thur., Feb. 27, the Milwaukee Bucks acquired Gary Payton and Desmond Mason from the Seattle Supersonics for Ray Allen, Kevin Ollie and Ronald Murray in a 2003 first-round draft pick.

The deal reunites Payton and Milwaukee Bucks' Coach George Karl.

Payton, who played for Karl for six and a half seasons in Seattle, is the Supersonics all-time leader in scoring (18,207), assists (7,384), steals (2,107), games played (999), minutes played (36,858), field goals (7,292) and three-pointers (917). He boasts career averages of 18.2 points, 7.4 assists and 2.1 steals per contest. These statistics can be found at http://www.nba.com.

This season, Payton is among the NBA's all-time leaders in assists and steals scoring in at 8th place for both. He is averaging 20.8 points, 4.8 rebounds and 1.8 steals per game this season.

The 6'4" point guard, in his 13th season, is a nine-time All-Star, two-time gold medal U.S. Olympian (1996, 2000) and a member of nine All-NBA teams, including first-team selections in 1998 and 2000. As one of the NBA's premier defensive players, he has been on the All-Defensive First Team for nine consecutive seasons (1994-2002) and was the NBA's Defensive Player of the Year in 1996 when the Sonics went 64-18 and advanced to the NBA Finals under Karl.

Payton's agent Aaron Goodwin said, "He likes playing for George."

Payton has been the type of player to always be on the All-Defensive First Team, and the young athletic addition of Mason will add more youth and energy to the Bucks' roster.

The additions of these two players will improve the defense of the Bucks, which is the weakest part of the team.

The trade-deadline came and went, and even though the Bucks made a blockbuster trade, they were not able to fill the position of a dominant big man in the middle of their roster.

This may hurt them now, but it will help them more in the long run.

Comparing the roster of the Bucks now to the roster of the Western Conference Dallas Mavericks, they are very similar, except for the 7'6" Shawn Bradley. The Mavericks have been very successful over the past few seasons.

"It was an All-Star point guard for an All-Star two-guard; Both players are great," Nets Vice President Rod Thorn said. "Gary was in the last year with Seattle. They felt they got a quality player in Ray. That's a trade that could be real good for both teams."

Payton will be a free agent after this season, but the focus with the Bucks is to win now, and worry about the future later.

When the off-season comes around they will deal with trying to re-sign Payton, which will probably be a two-year deal, because Coach Karl will have two-years remaining on his contract after this season.

Many of the Bucks' fans were very disappointed in this trade, but not even two years ago the Bucks were one game away of going to the NBA finals, but failed to close out the series against the Philadelphia 76ers.

Ray Allen is one of the league's purest and smoothest shooters, but the fact is, he could not bring a championship to Milwaukee, just like Glenn Robinson. Two years ago, the Bucks had "The Big 3", Allen, now with Seattle and Robinson, now with the Atlanta hawks. Who would have thought that Sam Cassell would remain the soul survivor?

The NBA is a business like anything else. You may have to trade your best player and others to acquire nine-time All-Star Payton and a rising star Mason. The Bucks are hoping that this deal will put them above the rest of the Eastern Conference and get them back to contest with other top teams in the league.

"Right now I'm looking at it as an optimistic push forward; make a good run and win some playoff series and look forward to next year," said Karl.

Even though the Bucks' fans have lost one of the most loyal players to the organization, things are looking up in Wisconsin. Let's just hope that it happens this season or next, otherwise there will be a sour and bitter taste left with the Bucks' fans."



Curtesy of, www.nba.com

Gary Payton was traded from the Seattle Supersonics to the Milwaukee Bucks where he was re-united with long time coach Goerge Karl.

UW-Stouts weekly review in sports

Jimmy Weideman
The Stoutonia

Hockey

Three University of Wisconsin-Stout hockey players were named to the 2002-03 All-Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) honorable mention ice hockey team.

Junior goalie Jeff Dotson, junior defenseman Bryan Cummings and junior forward Lewie Kellin were placed on the team.

Dotson is a repeat performer on the WIAC team. This season, Dotson had 4.47 goals against average and started 20 of the team's 27 games.

Cummings scored four goals and had seven assists, the highest of all Blue Devil defensemen. Kellin finished with four goals and five assists.

UW-Stout men's hockey completed the season at 6-21-0.

Women's Basketball

UW-Stout overcame 21 second-half turnovers to beat UW-Platteville, 80-64, in the quarterfinals of the WIAC tournament, Mon., Feb. 24, at Johnson Fieldhouse.

The Blue Devils (19-7) will advance to the semi-final round, Wed., Feb. 25, and will travel to top-seeded UW-Eau Claire.

Junior Laura Verdegan scored 12 of her game-high 18 points in the second half. She pulled down six of her game-high 10 rebounds and finished the game with four blocked shots and five steals.

UW-Stout held a slim 40-34 halftime lead, but the Pioneers (15-11) kept UW-Stout off-balance in the first five minutes of the half. UW-Stout ran out to a 49-41 lead, then expanded that to 54-41 on five points by Verdegan in a 40 second span. UW-Stout carried the lead to as much as 19 points late in the game, never letting UW-Platteville back into the contest.

The game was a rugged affair, with UW-Stout getting whistled for 26 fouls, and UW-Platteville 25. UW-Stout shot 19 of 31 from the line, and UW-Platteville was 17 of 25 from the stripe. UW-Stout held a decisive edge off the boards, pulling down 45 to UW-Platteville's 36.

UW-Stout had five players in double digits, led by Verdegan. Sophmore Lindsey Erichsen finished with 17 points, senior Tanya Halbach scored 12 points, freshmen Steffanie Nemitz brought in 11 and junior Sara Kahl scored 10 points. Erichsen and sophmore Erin Churchill each had eight rebounds.

Mens Basketball

On Tues. Feb. 25 UW-Stout's season ended in the opening round of the WIAC tournament against UW-Oshkosh.

The Blue Devils' junior Nate Templer tried to carry UW-Stout, knocking down 23 points and getting seven rebounds, but it would not be enough.

UW-Stout never had the lead in the game, and found themselves down by 11 points in the first half. They did came back within one point several times.

UW-Stout trailed 47-40 at halftime and after a bucket by Templer to start the second half, never got closer than five points the rest of the way as UW-Oshkosh outscored UW-Stout 38-19 to open the half.

UW-Stout got 12 points from senior Casey Chapman and junior Julian Greer and 10 points from junior Jeff Vandenberghe.

The UW-Oshkosh Titans shot a blistering 67 percent in the game.

The Blue Devil's finished the season with four straight losses to end with a record of 14-11.

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University Recreation/students work feverishly to stay in shape

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machines, allowing people with physical disabilities to adjust the seats or remove them in order to allow room for a wheelchair.

The prices for the aerobic activities, yoga and kickboxing are as follows: $3 per session, six sessions for $15, 12 sessions for $20, 24 sessions for $35 or a year long pass for $50.

The weight room is $5 for a daily pass, $20 for the summer, $20 for a quarter, $35 a semester or $55 a school year, including Christmas break. The best deal for those who are serious about working out is the Student Combo which allows a person to use the weight room and the group activities as many times at they wish for only $99.

Hours are Mon.-Thur. 6:00 a.m. -10:00 p.m., Friday 6:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. and Sunday noon-9:00 p.m.

The Health and Fitness Center will be hosting a weightlifting contest on the flat bench machine and the squat machine. The contestants will be divided into groups according to their gender and weight. The winners of each group will be given a free year-round pass to the weight room for the next academic year. For more details stop by the center, which is located in the lower level of the fieldhouse past the MPR room.

Lastly, students are able to bowl, play billiards, throw darts on automatic boards, play air hockey, foosball and a variety of coin operated machines, such as pinball and video games. These are located in the lower level of the student center across from the Pawn.

Bowling is $1.50 per game and $.75 for shoe rental. Billiards is $2.25/hour and $.75/hour for McDermott cue rental. Students can also participate in leagues and tournaments.

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by Carrie Bloom, The Stoutonia

Governor Scott McCallum oversees as the monumental laptop initiative contract for $25 million is signed by Chancellor Sorensen and Compaq VP of Sales Bill Weaver.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Laura Verdegan

UW-Stout

The Facts:
Women's Basketball
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Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Laura Verdegan matched her career high of 21 points in a 83-66 win over UW-Whitewater. Also in that game, she blocked two shots in the first half setting a personal record for blocks. She then pulled down eight rebounds in the 65-54 win over UW-River Falls.

For her performances she was named WIAC Player of the Week.

Among many other accomplishments, in the 2001-2002 season, she was honorable mention all-conference,WIAC all-defensive team, named most valuable defensive player and the leading rebounder. Verdegan also earned the team's Hustle award and played in all 28 games last season.

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Universiy recreation options

Rebecca Werner
The Stoutonia

For those who do not wish to be in a university sport, but desire an interactive workout, look no further than the University Recreation Department.

There are four different places a person can go to find a suitable activity: Stout Adventures, Intramural Sports Swimming Pool, Health & Fitness Center/Group Fitness and Recreation Center.

Stout Adventures offers rock climbing, backpacking, cross-country skiing, canoeing and even trips. So, if you want to challenge yourself and a friend, simply call 232-5625.

The Stout Adventures is open from 4:00 -10:00 p.m. Sun.-Thur., 2:00 -6:00 p.m. on Friday and noon-4:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The prices are $3 for non-members, $5 for a Student-Try Climbing, $30 for the summer semester and $50 for the school year. It is located in the lower level of the fieldhouse past the Multi-purpose-room (MPR).

The swimming pool is a very cost efficient way for people to work out. There is no charge for students and faculty members of University Wisconsin-Stout; the only requirement is that they bring their Stout ID with them to the lifeguard on duty in order to check in.

The pool is accessible through the locker rooms in the lower level of the fieldhouse. The hours for the pool are Monday, Wednesday and Friday 6:30-8:30 a.m., 12:30-2:00 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday 11:30-1:00 p.m., Tue.-Thur. 5:00-8:00 pm and Sunday noon-3:00 p.m.

Also availalbe to the students and faculty for free is the use of the MPR room located in the lower level of the fieldhouse. People can run, walk, play basketball and enjoy many other activities. The only drawback is that it is frequently used by sports teams throughout the year.



Courtesy of, UW-Stouts Health and Fitness Center

Many students take advantage of the different types of recreation options available at UW-Stout. Among these are the pool, weight room, aerobic's classes and more.

The Health and Fitness Center is a new facility on campus. Some activities offered are yoga, aqua, step aerobics, ultimate step-aerobics, kickboxing and weightlifting.

"We have eight personal trainers and they are all nationally certified and CPR certified," said Kyle Gilbertson, a senior business major who is also a personal trainer. "It's air-conditioned, very well ventilation and ceiling fans."

Gilbertson also mentioned that the Health and Fitness Center is in the process of installing XM radio for the enjoyment of the facilitie's users.

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Decisions to last a lifetime

Shanon Lehrke
The Stoutonia

The war in Iraq has brought controversy across the globe and directly onto campus. Many classes hold discussions and debates on the possible war situation, but for students like Jason Kirch, the topic hits a little closer to home.

Kirch, a construction major, has been activated for the possible war. He leaves on March 15, two short months before his intended graduation date, while students at many universities are protesting the war.

"I would say screw you George W. Bush, I'm graduating," said sophomore Renee Currington.

For Kirch, it is a matter of duty despite the opposing views on the situation with Iraq.

"I wasn't in favor of Bush being president," said Kirch. "I signed the paper and I am a man of my word so I have to go."

With important deadlines coming up, the controversy continues to grow. Secretary of State Colin Powell announced in a MSNBC report on March 5 that time is running out in a threat addressed to Saddam Hussein.

It is anticipated that Bush will announce his decision next week.

Time is also running out for Americans to take a stand in their beliefs before the decision is made.

The word patriotic has been brought to the forefront and the idea of fighting for America sits differently for many on campus.

"This is a time when all Americans are asked to serve their country, perhaps militarily or perhaps in anti-war demonstrations," said history and government assistant professor Alec Kirby. "What is important is that we all respect each other's integrity and commitment."

For Kirch, the commitment may last from six months up to two years. He signed up for the National Guard almost two years ago, and despite his training, he doesn't really know what is going to happen.

"I didn't grow up with a military background," said Kirch. "I have no idea what to expect."

Activating students for war is another topic that comes with debate.

"College life shouldn't be about guns and bombs, it should be about books and beer," said senior Nick Arnoldy. "But in order to maintain our way of life we need to fight."

As of March 15, for Kirch, it will no longer be about books and college life.

"I want to make sure I come back alive," he said.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

UW-Stout senior Jason Kirch started packing this week. With only two months to graduation, Kirch was moved to active duty in the National Guard and leaves next week.

How safe are local bars and house parties?

Aleshia Brouwer
The Stoutonia

Party life has been placed under scrutiny after the nightclub tragedies in Rhode Island and Chicago.

With hundreds injured and the death count totaling 117, cities all over the nation are analyzing their fire standards.

After the stampede in Chicago and the fire blaze in Rhode Island, Minneapolis, Minn. experienced a fire of its own in the Warehouse District's Fine Line Music Café. There were no deaths due to efficient exits and an active sprinkling system.

Since then, the city of Minneapolis has closed down the second floor of the Gay 90s entertainment complex.

The complex is a large nightspot located on Hennepin Ave. that operates seven bars. The complex was in violation for inadequate exits.

The spur of nightclub disasters even has the nightlife of Menomonie under new light.

House parties in crowded basements don't offer adequate exits for drunken bodies if the need should arise for quick evacuation.

"If something would happen, you're not going to get out," said Captain Don Terkelsen of the Menomonie Fire Department.

The instance in Chicago proved that the sudden movement of a crowd in itself is strong enough to kill bodies.

The stampede at the club E2 occurred when a security guard tried to break up a fight on the dance floor. The guard shot pepper spray into the crowd, causing people to panic. In the rush to escape, 21 people died, crushed on a staircase.

"There's so many people at house parties that it's hard to get a beer and you get shoved around," said Becky Peterson, an undecided sophomore.

In addition to house parties, even local bars are considered in violation. Most bars in Menomonie are not equipped with sprinkler systems. Many have been around for a long time, before fire codes demanded it. However, the city conducts a fire inspection four times a year to all downtown bars.

"A lot of it depends on when the building was built and the occupancy," said Terkelsen. "It really gets kind of complicated."

The rampant fire at The Station in Rhode Island took the lives of 96 individuals and injured well over

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 34° Low 11° Partly Cloudy	High 28° Low 0° Light Snow	High 28° Low 2° Partly Cloudy

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Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

See you next fall
On March 3 a Menomonie ambulance was dispatched to the area between the Price Commons and CKTO Hall. A staff member was walking on the snow and ice packed sidewalk when she slipped and fell, hitting her head on the sidewalk. She was transported to the hospital. Police found that the sidewalk was covered with solid ice beneath the snow. The area was taped off with police tape until the UW-Stout grounds crew was able to take care of the area.

Millennium elevator trap
On March 3 the Menomonie Fire Department was dispatched to Millennium Hall for a report of a person stuck in the elevator. When a police officer and fire crew arrived, the person had already freed him or herself. The elevator will be checked for malfunction.

Stolen laptops
A student reported on March 3 that two laptop computers were stolen from her room. She left the room unlocked and unattended for 45 minutes while she showered. When she returned, both her roommate's and her laptops were missing. The laptops were UW-Stout issued and estimated value of the laptops at $2,000 each.

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200. The fire began as the band *Great White* ignited pyrotechnics.

The sparks flew and ignited foam soundproofing material, causing a fire to spread instantly to the walls and ceiling, leaving people trapped in the building.

In January the band appeared at the club Evolution in Altoona, Wis., which is similar in size to The Station in Rhode Island.

According to Evolution manager Elisa Stelzer, it was a successful show and there was no use of pyrotechnics.

After hearing the news of the fire, the club took special interest in fire awareness.

"We make sure that people can get out of here," said Stelzer. "There is just no way we'd be having pyrotechnics here."

Though most house parties don't have foam soundproofing or large urban crowds, students should rely on their gut feelings to sense things out.

"If the crowd just feels too crowded and you think something's wrong, then just get out," said Terkelsen.

National news in brief

Mental exam for Helder
A federal judge has granted permission for accused mailbox bomber and former University of Wisconsin-Stout student Luke Helder to undergo a mental exam. The results of the exam would determine whether Helder is competent to stand trial later this month.

"Counsel for Lucas Helder currently has concerns about [his] ability to understand the nature and consequences of the proceedings against him [and] to assist properly in his defense," wrote public defender Jane Kelly in the motion she filed requesting the exams.

The motion was approved and the order will extend the time attorneys have to file pretrial motions and will most likely push back Helder's trial date, currently scheduled for March 14.

State Dept. tips for students
As spring break approaches, the U.S. State Department's Bureau of Consular Affairs is urging students to act responsibly when traveling abroad. The Bureau is responsible for the protection and welfare of U.S. citizens overseas.

Each year, many American students serve time in foreign jails or await trial in detention because they are unaware of the risks of using or possessing drugs while overseas. Many are also arrested for inappropriate behavior associated with heavy drinking.

Although U.S. officers can visit American citizens in foreign jails, they cannot release them.

For safety information about traveling abroad, visit http://travel.state.gov/.

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1		147 1/2 Main St #3	$180	$160	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/bathroom off hallway /location N/P	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #8	$190	$190	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/bathroom off hallway /location N/P	SR
1		147 1/2 Main St #6	$200	$190	n/a	n/a	UTILI INC/bathroom off hallway /location N/P	SR
1	1	1222 6th Ave	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	Cozy, studio, all util except elec, avail	8
1	1	611 13th St E	$315	$315	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
1	1	400 1/2 Main St. #3	$320	$320	n/a	n/a	WSG+HW inc./storage/close to campus N/P	6
2	1	113 W. Main	$350	$175	$420	$210	Close to campus and downtown	H
2	1	630 1/2 S.Broadway#7	$400	$200	n/a	n/a	Includes water/sewer/trash/ LOCATION	9
2	1	2702 Fryklund Dr	$385	$198	n/a	n/a	Lg rooms, coin laundry, parking	8
2	1	1721 1/2 7th St.	$520	$260	n/a	n/a	Inc Utilities/good location/washer/dryer	D
2	1	620 1/2 9th Ave	$480	$240	$555	$278	Lg upper apt close to campus	3
2	1	607 13th St	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	Cozy apt/off st parking/ut inc except elec.	8
2	1	603 13th St E	$490	$245	n/a	n/a	All utilities included except Electric	8
2	1	1721 7th St.	$560	$280	n/a	n/a	Inc utilities/good location/large apt	D
3	1	147 1/2 Main B	$900	$300	n/a	n/a	Util inc/no parking	
4	1	1208 - 8th St.	$600	$150	$720	$180	WashDry hook-up/Gas Heat/Garage	H
4	1	1208 1/2 - 8th St.	$1,000	$250	$1,200	$300	Gas heat/Storage	D
5	1	1121 - 6th Ave	$725	$145	$875	$175	WashDry hook-up/Storage/Gas heat	H
5	1	1120 1/2 15th Ave.	$800	$160	$980	$196	WashDry hook-up/excel shape/lg rooms	D
5	2	1115 17th Ave.	$750	$150	$960	$192	Very large rooms/WashDry hook-up	H
5	2	516 19th Ave. W.	$750	$150	$900	$180	Rent by 3/15/03, March 2004 rent is free	D
5	2	512 19th Ave. W.	$750	$150	$900	$180	Rent by 3/15/03, March 2004 rent is free	D
5	2	409 13th Ave W.	$920	$184	$1,120	$224	some new carpet and lino	H
5	2	320 Fryklund Dr.#1	$950	$190	$1,120	$224	Large with family room/washer dryer	D
5	2	1820 8th St	$1,125	$225	$1,275	$255	New, good location wash/dryer avail 09/01/03	4
5	2	1820 8th St	$1,125	$225	$1,275	$255	New, good location wash/dryer avail 09/01/03	4
6	2	321 20th Ave	$1,350	$225	$1,500	$250	New, Super location washer/dryer	4
6	2	321 20th Ave	$1,350	$225	$1,500	$250	New, Super location washer/dryer	4
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6	1.5	221 4th St. W	$810	$135	$1010	$168	Wash/Dryer/Gas/N. Campus	H
6	2	1402 8th	$810	$135	$990	$165	Wash/Dryer/Gas Heat	H
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Unless President Bush is planning to change it, the first amendment gives all media outlets the right to say whatever they feel like saying.

Last week, we ran a Slant question that brought a lot of attention to *The Stoutonia*. We would like to take the time to point out a few things.

First of all, the U.S. soldiers currently deployed around the world are fighting for our rights. Free speech is one of those rights.

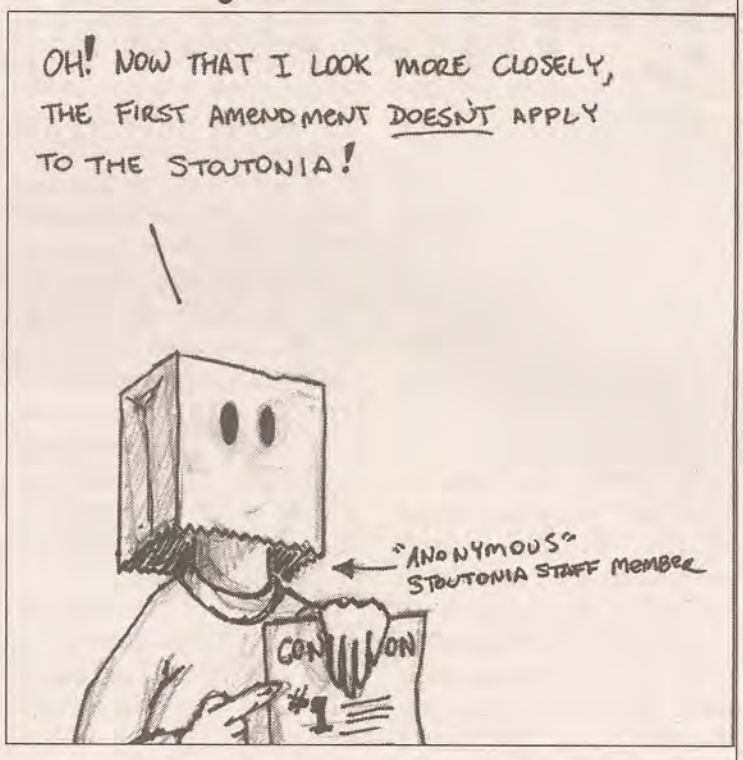
Next, the person who offered that question for use, was Matt Tracy. He is a former *Stoutonia* employee who willingly joined the military to help in the battle to protect our lives and freedoms.

Students answering the Campus Slant question do not have an extended period of time to answer. We send out a photographer with a camera, the question and a piece of paper to write down the answers.

The process behind thinking up the Slant questions is not very complicated. At our weekly meeting, we brainstorm ideas and attempt to come up with an interesting or humorous question. Not all of our questions are extremely funny or interesting, but we are always looking for new ideas and employees.

If a person feels that they have a new and unique view to add, they are more than welcome to apply for a position on our staff.

In previous issues, we have run questions such as "What would you do if you found a severed human ear?"



Crazy questions such as that have never caused a large response, and probably never will. Only issues that can be taken too seriously are, well, taken too seriously.

In our last issue we ran two opinionpieces on the possibleupcoming war. One for the war and one against. *The Stoutonia* does its best to show all of the viewpoints that a campus our size has.

It was never our intent to offend anyone with the printing of our Slant question. The response we got to the question will not affect the way we choose our Slant topics in the future.

Walk to remember on Abbey Road



FARAWAY
Ann Syrstad

Last weekend I was in London, England and had the time of my life. There was so much to do and so little time. Although I was there for five whole days, I feel like I could have spent months just exploring everything the city had to offer.

From sushi bars to homeless people on the subway, I could not get enough of London. It was my first time there and I really had no idea what to expect.

I had been to New York before and I guess I imagined London to be like New York. In London and New York the people were busy, shopping was expensive and fashion was everywhere. While in London, I learned that spending a £15 cover charge and buying knock-off Gucci purses could really be fun. I also learned that London has something much larger to offer than any other city I have ever been to.

London has Abbey Road; the road the Beatle's used on an album cover. After seeing many of the usual sights such as Big Ben, the London Eye and Buckingham Palace, I was ready for something a little different.

That was when I came to Abbey Road. Fortunately, I went with four other friends, which was enough to make our own Beatle's album cover. One was the photographer and "car watcher," while the rest of us were the Beatles.

Since Abbey Road is a rather busy road in London, it was absolutely necessary to have a "car watcher." We wanted to make sure that we could get a good picture of the road as well as all of the surroundings.

After about four attempts and four different

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Whatever happened to quality TV?



RIGHTHERE
Curt Trnka

When are cable providers going to realize that just like the rest of the world, they need to personalize and step up their service to the next level?

As a child who was raised in a home that didn't have cable TV, I know that humans can in fact live without 65 different channels. In my younger years I had a choice of four channels, four and a half if you counted PBS.

Why do people who watch an average of 15 hours of TV a week pay to watch over 60 channels of programming? Are these people hooked on "Trading Spaces?" Why are they paying for channels like the Soap Opera Channel if all they want is "CSI," which is free on CBS!

Then there is satellite TV, which is even worse. It just doesn't make any sense why we need to have so many channels. I don't need seven HBO channels or 14 different premium movie channels. I don't need either of those. If I really want to watch movies, I'll be normal and rent them or actually get out of the house and see one.

Why not let the customers pick and choose what stations they want to

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Letters to the Editor

Slanted Question

As a member of the United States Army National Guard, I was appalled, shocked, and disgusted by this past weeks Campus Slant question of "What would you do to get out of serving in the military?" What were you thinking? Are you Americans? Were you at all affected by what happened on Sept. 11th?

It makes me sick to think that someone would actually consider asking that question. And to have the smiling pictures of those who actually had the audacity to answer that question made me think of who my peers really are. You should all be ashamed of yourselves when disgracing the military by mentioning it in your "newspaper."

If you were a true "newspaper" you would be unbiased. Why don't you make the next question: Why do you love your country? or What's the best thing that the military provides for you? or Are you proud to be an American or not?

I understand that not everyone sees it necessary to go to war with Iraq or any other country for that matter. But trying to get out of joining the military in the event of a draft, which there will not be unless we are pulled in multiple directions at one time, is a serious question of character. All of you who decided to print the question or even send an answer in should think about a couple things. First, why not move to a different country if you are scared of getting drafted to be in the military? Second, where would you be if some of your relatives or ancestors didn't fight in the military?

I can guarantee that I'm not the only member of the military on campus that was offended to see this question to even be answered and printed. And I hope that I'm not the only one to write in and express my outrage about this.

Instead of thinking of ways to get out of the military, why don't you check out your local recruiter's office, not to join up, but to find out what some jobs in the military are that don't involve front line activity. Educate yourself before you make yourself look like an idiot in front of thousands of people.

And in response to the editors comment about covering all possible opinions of the campus, this isn't an opinion. An opinion is something you feel strongly about and have an intelligent response to. This is a question which brings to light someones true character and personality.

Mark Lato
UW-Stout Student

Mr. Lato,

Thank you for writing in with your opinion. And while we had to cut down your letter to fit the allotted word total, we will always welcome different voices here at *The Stoutonia*.

Your final point is one that I take issue with however. As a college newspaper on a campus that does not have a journalism program, *The Stoutonia* is an opinion based newspaper.

And our Slant question is not asking people what their opinion is, but rather if they can think up an interesting response.

Our members consider themselves Americans, and mean no disrespect with our Slant question. We do our best to keep our stories unbiased, and we hope that it shows in our articles.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Save Campus Dollars

Students can assist in keeping maintenance costs down simply by not LITTERING. When campus grounds and buildings need to be cleared of soft drink and fast food containers, cigarette butts and whatever else makes for "litter", campus administrators must spend additional money to pay someone to do the clearing. We can all make our own little contribution by putting our litter into the proper receptacles.

Campus budgets are beyond their limits. This may mean less and less "beautification" and "dressing up" of campus areas with flower beds, shrubbery, plants, etc. If the grounds are neat and free of litter, they can still look attractive.

This may seem like a very small item, but every little bit helps. Thank you!

Sharon Louise Droege
UW-Stout Faculty

Ms. Droege,

Students in college often are too lazy to clean up after themselves, and asking them to look out for a campus might be a bit too much.

Never-the-less, you make a great point that if students could pitch in just a little and clean up the campus would look better.

Editor's Note:

The Following letter was submitted for last week's issue, but due to time and size restraints could not be printed. This is a cut format.

The Wisconsin Promise

Growing up in the "Potato Country" (Antigo, WI), I was taught to value certain things about our state – the land, the natural resources, the services, the education, but most of all the people. You see my father was a minister, in the business of helping people; he is my example, my guide. Dad taught me many things, not the least of which is that every person has value, each one of us put on this earth deserves the chance to succeed, the chance to reach their full potential.

In 1998 I left home in search of my potential, my success, I came to the University of Wisconsin-Stout, where I found more than I could have imagined. I found teachers with the same passion for me as my dad had for our congregation; and administration so committed to Wisconsin's future they spend there days working with business partners to find creative ways to move our economy into this new millennium. It was these same teachers who guided me on my journey to career exploration. With the support of the UW-Stout staff I left school in 1999, and worked full-time as a Manager for Hardee's until Jan. of 2001 when I knew it was time for something more.

You see my experience in Shawano managing Hardee's taught me something, I learned that people are at the heart of anything successful, they (like dad said before) are the only thing that really matters. I made a commitment then to always work for people, to always push to help others realize their potential, and I hope that in doing so I reach my own. So now I am an Education Major at Stout, I'm being prepared for a career in developing today's children to be tomorrow's leaders. Unfortunately this dream of success, this promise of opportunity, is being diminished by some of our leaders. Governor Doyle introduced a budget that will devastate Education in our state, and will renig on Wisconsin's Promise to the future.

David A. Hay
UW-Stout Student

Mr. Hay,

Thank you for writing in with your opinion on Wisconsin's future. While your concerns are common among the youth of the state, it may be too early to fault Governor Doyle's budget just yet. Serious deficits were created by past governors, and now serious results are having a huge impact on students in Wisconsin.

Quality / TV has lost respect of the important aspects of life

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pay for? I'll give ten bucks a month just for SciFi and ESPN. Do I need or want Home and Garden TV? No, I get all my Martha Stewart news from "Saturday Night Live" on NBC, another free channel.

When I was five-years-old, I can remember watching a man in a blue shirt with pointy ears "phaser" a talking blob of an alien. It was incredibly campy and I think I could have made better special effects with my Legos, but that wasn't important. The show was all about the people. Today TV has lost sight and respect for what's important.

The show I was referring to was the first part of the greatest science fiction franchise ever on TV, "Star Trek." Back in 1968 when "Star Trek" was first made, there weren't 500 channels available. Heck, I don't think there were even Legos! This could explain why I think my childhood toys could make better special effects.

Television of the time didn't worry about what would look the best or how much cleavage could be shown. The shows focused on people. Characters were made and America fell in love with them. "I love Lucy" could have read, "Everybody Loves Lucy." She was a great character and the nation knew that.

Now not all the people across our great nation are sick of the reality TV crap that's out there; but the truth is that reality tends to get boring. That's why people buy TV's. They want to use the little free time they have to relax and lose themselves in a show, rather than watch a neanderthal named Joe pretend he's a millionaire. I don't need to see another of those.

Abbey / Trip to London offers the chance to walk on history

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cameras we were lucky enough to capture one that we all loved.

Once we were done making fools out of ourselves, we added to the Beatle's graffiti on the stone wall directly next to Abbey Road. If anyone plans to visit London anytime soon look for the comment, "Ann Syrstad walked the 'walk' on Abbey Road!"

It is amazing that in an expensive city such as London, five college students could have so much fun. Of all the things I did in London, I know that visiting Abbey Road was by far my favorite. It added so much meaning to my London experience and was probably my favorite souvenir. Not only do I have a picture of three of my really good friends, but I'm Ringo!



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Stick it and forget about it

Student Health Services offers two new forms of birth control

Diana Minea
The Stoutonia





The Ortho Evra patch (above) and the NuvaRing (left) are new forms of contraceptives designed for women who want to take the hassle out of taking a daily pill.

It seems as though technological and medical advances are continually making the world a much simpler place to live.

Consumers' desire for convenience along with efficiency has brought about two new forms of birth control: the Ortho Evra patch and the NuvaRing. Both methods have recently been made available to University of Wisconsin-Stout students through Student Health Services.

Birth control pills first met their competition on campus this fall when the Ortho Evra patch was added to the contraceptive selections at the health center. It is similar to a nicotine patch in that it is worn on the skin and the active medicine is absorbed through the skin, and into the blood stream.

Each patch is worn for seven days and then replaced with a new one. This process continues for three consecutive weeks. The fourth week a patch is not worn. Users can place the patch almost anywhere on the body with the exception of the breasts and irritated skin.

Since the patch delivers continuous levels of estrogen and progesterone, it is equally as effective as birth control pills. Both are 99 percent effective against pregnancy when they are used correctly.

"The patch is almost more effective than birth control pills," said Laura Cragin, a Nurse Practioner and the Women's Health Coordinator on campus. "Women often forget to take the pill every day, while the patch is only changed weekly."

The Ortho Evra patch is given out by prescription to students for $16.50 per month. An appointment for a physical exam along with a Pap test is required before a prescription can be written.

The Nuva Ring was introduced this semester. The ring is a thin, flexible, transparent device that is inserted into the vagina for three-weeks. Like the patch, it is not worn on the fourth week to allow for menstruation.

The NuvaRing releases a steady flow of low-dose contraceptive hormones into the bloodstream, and is 99 percent effective like birth control pills and the patch. Once again, it could be considered more effective than pills because of its simplicity.

Rings can be obtained through Student Health Services the same way as the Ortho Evra patch and birth control pills for a cost of $7.00 per month, the same price as pills.

"Hopefully both forms will become more popular as more people are aware that these methods are out there," said Cragin. "They are really easy to use, which is appealing to women."

Many women on campus are hesitant to change over from the birth control pill, but many seem curious about the new methods.

"I don't know if I would try the ring," said Elissa Ecker, a freshman majoring in studio arts. " But it's cool that Stout is recognizing the other methods out there."

For more information, make an appointment at Student Health Services by calling 232-1314.



Birth control pills are taken daily, whereas the Depo Provera shot is administered once every three months.

A man chiseled from a life of stone

Former UW-Stout professor on growing up with his father

Stoutonia Staff
The Stoutonia

Similar to how his father may have gone to work as a simple mason, Devin Corbin prepared himself for the workload that lay ahead. His body was tense in his worn blue dress shirt and khakis as he surveyed the crowd who would witness his craft.

A deep breath.

Slowly, he takes out his reading glasses. It was time to go to work.

The first few moves are always the hardest, and this time was no different. A rhythm needs to be found. A cadence to make the work seem less like labor.

The audience listened as Devin laid line after line of his life in front of them. He read descriptions of life, school and namely his family all which shaped his story into an award-winning piece of literature.

"I felt that he is not only a gifted writer, but a gifted heart," said Cindy Tate, a senior in early childhood education.

The event was a homecoming performance for Corbin who was a faculty member last semester at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Corbin was a lecturer in the English and Philosophy Department.

"Devin's story is a wonderfully crafted mix of autobiography, portrait of his father and description of the stonemason's trade which his father practiced and which he taught Devin," said English department chair, Susan Thurin.

Devin Corbin performed a reading of his Wisconsin Arts Board's Artist Fellowship Award-winning essay, "A Stone Mason's Trade," to an intimate crowd in the student art gallery in the Applied Arts building on Thursday afternoon.

"My father's job was a part of his body and his body was a part of his job," said Corbin.

Thurin was very familiar with the talent of this young instructor.

"The story reveals Devin's deep attachment to his roots right here in western Wisconsin and expresses values that are treasured here," said Thurin.

An award-winning writer and a man of words, Devin Corbin had come to speak about his father, a blue-collar, hard-working man with calloused hands. The son had become everything the father was not and everything the father had hoped.

A mason worker since the age of 16, his father could assemble rocks so well that it seemed there was only one way they could fit together. In that same way, the son knew the perfect words to describe the man who no one in the room had met.

"The art is in the arrangement," said Corbin in regards to his father's skill at masonry and his own skill in writing.

In front of a stark contrast of white walls were charcoal drawings of common household items, which stirred emotions of home and family, both common themes in Corbin's writing. Images of soup ladles, forks and a potato peeler all gave way to Corbin's descriptions of life in a blue-collar family.

> "I felt that he is not only a gifted writer, but a gifted heart."
>
> **Cindy Tate**
> *sr., early childhood education*

The hard-working lifestyle of his father was something he clearly admired in his writing, although it was something his father never wanted for him. His father wanted something different for his son's life.

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Campus Slant



"Palm trees and clubs."
~Camilla Norman,
fr., apparel design



"White sandy beach with hotties in the middle of the MSC."
~Christina Shimshak
sr., early childhood

"What would Menomonie need to become a spring break get-a-way?"



"A large resort with lots of hot girls."
~Paul Heinzen
soph., construction

"Import a lot of hunkey guys in Speedos."
~Audrey Peach,
sr., business



Next Week:

"If you could rename *The Stoutonia*, what would it be?

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Stone / A different path taken

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"My father, as I hope my essay makes clear, achieved a great deal in his life," said Corbin. "I, on the other hand, can't really claim to have achieved much myself."

Despite what Corbin may say, he has already achieved a great deal in his life. After receiving his Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and his Master of Fine Arts from the prestigious Iowa Writers' Workshop, Corbin is working on his doctoral dissertation at the University of Minnesota.

"A Stone Mason's Trade" was the 2003 Wisconsin Arts Board's Award winner for nonfiction literary work. It was the only nonfiction award winner this year in addition to literary winners in fictional writing, poetry and playwriting. There were a total of 77 applicants with seven winners being ultimately selected.

"Winning the award is certainly encouraging, both because it's a vote of confidence from a set of readers and because the financial support it provides can buy time for doing more writing," said Corbin.

Corbin's father may have never won an award for his work as a mason, but the story of his life and dedication to the job is a story that many viewed worthy of honor.

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Memories of Mister Rogers' Neighborhood



ALLSMILES
Brianna Schrader



A silly purple dinosaur, a big yellow bird and a bright red cardigan.

All of these are childhood memories of television shows that shaped our world as we knew it. Now a legend, an icon in children's television programming will be missed by many, but his reruns will continue to reign.

Fred McFeeley Rogers died at the age of 74 on Feb. 27, 2003 after a battle with stomach cancer. After 30 years and four Emmys, Mister Rogers' Neighborhood proved to be one of the most popular and memorable children's shows.

Three generations of children will remember him by his trolley that traveled to the Neighborhood of Make-Believe and Picture-Picture that allowed us to go behind the scenes to find out how things were made. Mister Rogers had a way of showing children a simpler, slower, gentler way of life.

"I remember they showed his whole house when [the show] first came on," said Crystal Prozinski a freshman in apparel and design. "He took off his shoes and put on his cardigan and [I remember] the trolley that went through his house."

I remember the episode where Mister Rogers went to a factory that made crayons. To this day, I can still visualize the vats of hot colored wax that were used to form the tools I learned to color with.

Another memorable trip was when we went to a mint and saw how coins and dollar bills were made. His show always explained the things that your parents might not have the answers to. He let you know that using your imagination was good and fun.



Courtesy of: www.usatoday.com

Fred Rogers was a Presbyterian minister and had a master's degree in child development.

The man that taught children about dealing with difficult feelings such as anger, fear and death also has information for parents on the show's website for explaining his death to children.

Mister Rogers showed me that pounding some clay or dough is a good way to get rid of anger.

The simple underlying message for children to love themselves and to love others was expressed in the show through songs and stories and demonstrated through the actions of the puppets in the Neighborhood of Make-Believe.

"Mister Rogers is a legend that will not be forgotten," said Prozinski.

EasyChair rocking for a reason

Local band plays for cancer benefit

Janelle Klander
The Stoutonia

On the night of Friday, Feb. 28, walkers circled the multi-purpose room in Johnson Fieldhouse in an effort to raise money for the American Cancer Society in an event called Relay for Life. One local band felt they should contribute to the cause of fighting cancer and performed free of charge.

EasyChair performed in the early hours of Saturday morning. The four-member band started about two years ago and has since released two albums. The band has also received radio time on many stations throughout the state.

The band's most recent album, "Broken Bridges," was released on Feb. 24, 2003 and was for sale at Relay for Life. A portion of the profits was contributed to the American Cancer Society.

Finally, at 2 a.m. on Saturday, the tired audience listened as the band began to play.

"I thought it was pretty cool that they were only from Eau Claire, but they were really good," said Jesse Davis, a freshman in business. "They were a cross between rock and country."

By performing its catchy songs, the band gained recognition and created new fans. Many students had never heard of *EasyChair* before.



Courtesy of: www.easychairband.com

***EasyChair*, a local band, donated their time and talent to entertain the tired participants of Relay for Life this past weekend.**

"They're entertaining and funny, but this is the first time I have heard them," said Adam Enerson, a sophomore in construction.

Although some students were catching up on sleep during the early-morning performance, it wasn't because of the band. The eventful night caused many to doze off. Despite the early morning hours, students were touched by the meaning of the songs.

"I liked the last song about relationships and another about finding your own way," said Laura Perlbachs, a freshman in retail merchandising. "It's also cool that each guy has his own individual style."

EasyChair was generous in providing entertainment and donations to Relay for Life and is worth hearing. They play mostly in Eau Claire, Wis. and some neighboring towns. Those that didn't get a chance to hear the band and are interested in seeing where this rising group will perform next, visit http://www.easychairband.com.

The 411

Mar. 6 - Mar. 13

Thursday, Mar. 6
• 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., **Bloodmobile**, Great Hall, MSC, walk-ins welcome

• 7 p.m. - 9 p.m., **"Beyond the Mirage: The Face of the Occupation,"** video on Israeli/Palestinian conflict, Menomonie Leisure Center

• 8 p.m., **A Whisper in the Noise**, Heritage Café, MSC, Free

Friday, Mar. 7
• 2:30 p.m., **Prairie planning at the Devil's Punchbowl**, meet in the parking lot at the Devil's Punchbowl

• 7 p.m., **Underwater Water Farm & Punk Band**, Huff's, MSC

• 7 p.m., **Modern Rock Bash**, Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, 621 Wilson Ave., Free

• 7 p.m., **Gymnastics hosts John Zuerlein Invite**, Johnson Fieldhouse

Saturday, Mar. 8
International WOMEN'S DAY
• 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., **Special Olympics District Basketball & Gymnastics Special**, Johnson Fieldhouse

• 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., **Craft Show**, Thunderbird Mall

• 7 p.m., **Gymnastics hosts John Zuerlein Invitational**, Johnson Fieldhouse

Sunday, Mar. 9
• 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., **4th Annual Governor's Cup**, Stout Soccer Club, MPR, Johnson Fieldhouse

Monday, Mar. 10
• 6:30 p.m., **Resume Builder**, Howard Slinden, 208 HMEC

• 7 p.m., **Cries and Whispers**, Fortissimo Foreign Film Series, Great Hall, MSC, Free

• 8 p.m., **HKMC Idol**, singing contest "American Idol" style HK Basement, Info: x3046

Tuesday, Mar. 11
• 6 p.m., **Mediterranean Buffet**, Commons and Tainter

• 7:30 p.m., **"Sex under the Influence,"** speaker, Joel Goldman, Great Hall, MSC, Free

Wednesday, Mar. 12
End of third quarter

Thursday, Mar. 13
no events scheduled

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to Belinda @ Stoutonia or lewisb@uwstout.edu

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Spring break squelches

Bill Denney
The Stoutonia





Courtesy of: www.outdoorgirl.net

Popular spring break destinations are enforcing new ordinances and laws to help protect the safety of citizens and visitors. One of these changes involves less public nudity and drunkenness.

For more than a decade, Cancun, Mexico has been party central for the boozed, be-thonged and besotted men and women of spring break. But this year, the drink-till-you-drop college crowd will find less indulgent hosts.

A majority of the Caribbean resorts, hotels, bars and clubs that cater to students have signed a civility agreement to enforce laws that were often ignored in the past. Among them are bans on underage drinking and public nudity.

Cancun isn't the only spring break hot spot attempting to dilute the combustible mix of booze, sun and hormones that dowse college kids when school's out. Spurred either by fed-up residents, safety concerns for the students or concern that rowdy crowds drive away mainstream tourists, a number of party-hardy havens are imposing limits.

In Daytona Beach, Fla., a new law bans thong bikinis and other super-revealing attire in public places. Another recent ordinance strengthens the prohibition against on-street alcohol consumption by banning open containers within 100 feet of Atlantic Avenue. The idea is to prevent drinkers at large events from drinking in parking lots and other semi-public places.

The beefed-up public nudity law, passed in October, includes some very vague specifications, "...that portion of the buttocks which lies between the top and bottom of the buttocks, and between two imaginary straight lines..." must be covered.

"What the hell does that mean?" asked Jacob Scott, a freshman in manufacturing engineering. "Can I still wear my thong?"

Compared with the 150,000 or so students who are expected to bombard Daytona, Fla. during three to four weeks in March and April, the spring hiatus in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. will be restrained. About 15,000 are expected, and that's fine by city officials who worked to overcome the 10-coeds-to-a-cheap-motel-room image forged by films such as the 1960's "Where the Boys Are."

This year, Cancun expects 40,000 students, a third fewer than last year, and a plunge from the peak of 140,000 in 1998 and 1999. Some tourism officials aren't sweating the loss though.

This news won't get college students down. Many places are still underage drinker-friendly and just about any place out of Wisconsin would be a worthy spring break destination. Many agencies are here to help out college students in their hunt for the perfect vacation.

Expedia.com has numerous vacation packages and deals ranging from $650 and up per person on multiple ticket purchases. For nature lovers who like to walk, and walk and then walk some more, how about a backpacking trip to Grand Gulch in Utah? Contact Bruce Saxman for more information on that trip at 232-5190.

So have a happy and safe spring break. No matter where students might be, whether partying in Cancun or even chilling on the couch at home, cover up your crack!

GONE GLOBAL

Andrea Moore

G'day! For the first week at Southern Cross University, the international students are obliged to attend various orientation activities, ranging from group field trips to the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary on the Gold Coast and to campus tours.

Around 10:30 a.m., we take a break from welcoming lectures to have morning tea served with sandwiches and juice. We were also told of the grading system in Australia. Instead of the usual letter grading scale used in America, getting a D here is a very good mark. From high to low, the scale looks like this: HD (High Distinction), D (Distinction), C (Credit), P (Pass) and F (Fail). At this university, only five percent of students enrolled are eligible to be awarded a high distinction for a certain class.

Speaking of classes, they are called units here, and what we would refer to as a major is translated into a course. Even though English is spoken here, sometimes I feel as if it's a different language because it is easy to get tripped up in the lingo.

And speaking of lingo, would anyone know what a garbo is? This is interesting because here it is common to shorten words and phrases. For example, the term university is shortened to uni and the common term for garbage man is shortened to the garbo man.

Other adjectives that are completely new to me that are used here include wicked (used in place of cool or awesome), magic (meaning beautiful or perfect), pissed (meaning drunk or very drunk), and bitey (referring to cold weather.)

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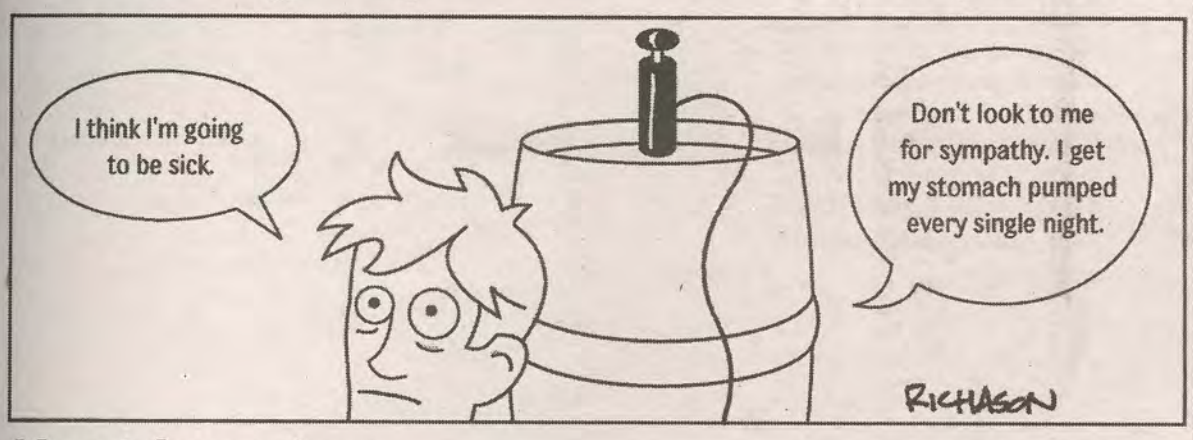
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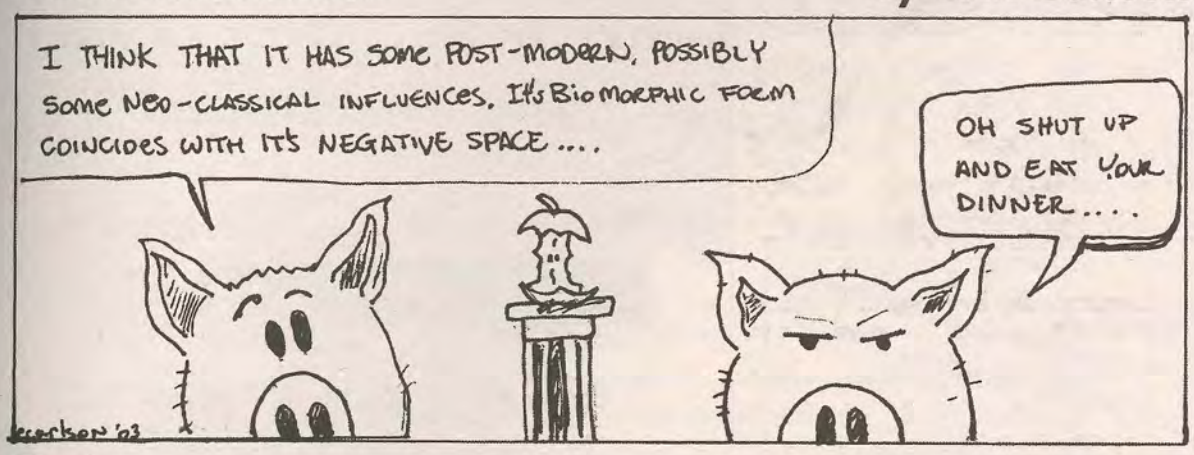
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Ephedrine proves to be fatal

D.J. Vinar
The Stoutonia



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Ephedrine has been the suspect of many deaths. This physical enhancer is under severe scrutiny for fatal side effects.

Since August 1, 2001 two professional athletes and at least one collegiate football player has died from the use of supplements containing ephedra. These deaths have spurred many investigations regarding the safety of ephedrine and its use in sports today.

During the 2001 NFL training camp, the 6'4", 335 - pound Minnesota Vikings offensive tackle Korey Stringer collapsed due to heatstroke. Twenty-seven year old Stringer died the next morning.

Two days later, Rashidi Wheeler, a senior safety at Northwestern University, collapsed during conditioning drills. Twenty-two-year-old Wheeler died less than an hour later after being rushed to a local hospital. Wheeler's immediate cause of death was initially blamed on his chronic asthma.

Most recently, Steve Bechler collapsed at the Baltimore Orioles spring training facility in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Twenty-three-year-old Bechler died from multiple organ failure due to heatstroke induced by the use of ephedrine.

"At some point there has to be an examination of why these supplements are legal and why they can be purchased by anyone over-the-counter," Bechler's agent Seth Livingston said in an appearance on ESPN. "When people walk into a store to buy a legal item, they're relying on the government to make sure those items are safe when taken in their legal dosage. In the case of these supplements, there are no restrictions on who can buy them. And there is no prominently displayed warning, unlike a pack of cigarettes."

According to http://www.ephedrinefacts.com/consumer.html, ephedrine is an herb found in many dietary supplements taken by over 20 million people in the United States. These supplements can be purchased nearly anywhere and by anyone.

When taken, ephedrine increases energy and mental acuity while repressing appetite. This combination allows for rapid fat burn and increased muscle mass, making this supplement very appealing, especially to athletes.

Doctors and other medical experts have reviewed clinical data and agree that ephedrine is safe when taken as directed, but it has been discovered that all three of these athletes were using supplements containing ephedrine.

The NFL, NCAA and International Olympic Committee have all banned the substance.

Medical experts hired by the Minnesota Vikings to investigate Stringer's death disagree with the safety of ephedrine. They have found that ephedrine increases the risk of heat illness by making the body burn more energy and cool less easily.

These supplements also hide fatigue, allowing athletes to push themselves beyond recognizable danger points. Although ephedrine wasn't tested for in Stringer's autopsy, it is now believed to have caused Stringer's fatal heatstroke.

"I think supplements and dietary drugs are a scary issue to deal with today; it is really scary to see how much a person will do to win in athletics now,"said UW-Stout's Men's Basketball coach Ed Andrist. "I do not promote any dietary supplements to my players. These modern supplements are a lot like steroids when they were first introduced to athletes."

Shortly after Bechler's death, Major League Baseball banned substances containing ephedrine to all players with minor league contracts. The major league players have to pass such a ban through their player's union. Investigations regarding Bechler's death are underway.

Wolves finish strong

Jimmy Weideman
The Stoutonia

Time to start talking about wolves.

With the NBA season coming to a close, it seems like everyone is talking about every team except the Minnesota Timberwolves to win the title.

This may be because the Wolves have yet to make it out of the first-round of the playoffs, in the era of Garnett.

After another first-round playoff loss, Kevin Garnett decided to change his work out program.

Http://www.ESPN.com 's David Aldridge reported Garnett, "Instead of starting to work out on July 10, I started about two weeks after our season, right after our season got done."

"The wolves always have a chance, but it seems like that they can't make it over the hump," said freshmen Nick Bahr. "Maybe this year if they don't make it pass the first round it will be time for coaching change or something drastic."

Many things are different this year. Kevin Garnett is putting up MVP numbers: 23.1 points per game, 13.1 rebounds and 5.8 assist's.

Wally Szczerbiak is back from being injured in the beginning part of the season and plays as well as any forward in the league. Radoslav Nesterovic is having a break -out year at the center position with wolves, 11.3 points per game, 6.7 rebounds and 1.4 blocks.

With the back court playing right now, with 21 games to play in the season, there will be a mismatch with anyone in the league.

What may be the Wolves' downfall is the front court consisting of Anthony Peeler and Troy Hudson. Both players are having solid years but how will they do against the LA Lakers' guards Kobe Bryant and Derek Fisher, or Dallas Mavericks guards Steve Nash and Nick Van Exel.

The Wolves do have a solid bench for a run to win it all. A few bench players Reggie Slater, Joe Smith, Marc Jackson, Rod Strickland and Kendall Gill are putting up solid numbers to help the Wolves compile of a record of 40-21.

"I think the Wolves have a great chance this year; they have the hunk of the league Garnett who will be MVP and so many quality role players," says freshman Lee Burnett.

The Wolves may have a chance for a home court advantage to help them win a first-round playoff series as well as to go deep into the NBA playoffs. The team depends on the excellent play of back court and solid play of front court to make it anywhere in the playoffs.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Laura Verdegan

The Facts:
Track and Field
Junior
Flambeua, WI
Dietetics

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Laura Verdegan ended the 2003 Women's Basketball season on a personal high note, only to join the Women's Track and Field team on Friday morning, Feb. 28. The meet, which took place at St. Olaf college, was the last meet for UW-Stout ladies to qualify for the conference meet.

At the meet, Verdigan participated in the triple jump where she not only took 1st place but also broke the school record with a jump of 38' 6.75". In the long jump Verdigan placed third with a mark of 17'-8.75". Her score was less than three inches away from the school record. Both of her marks were NCAA Division III provisional qulifying.

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Baseball starts off the season

Ryan Wessley
The Stoutonia

The University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils Baseball team will kick off their regular 40-game season on the road during spring break. They are scheduled to play in Joplin, MO on Mar. 15.

The Blue Devils are anticipating an good season with returning key players and incoming transfers and freshmen.

According to http://www.uwstout.edu/baseball, last season the Blue Devils finished with an overall record of 19-19, a home record of 7-9 and an away record of 7-9. They finished 7-7 in the conference and tied for 5th place. Twelve letter winners will be returning, including five in starting positions.

"I'm looking forward to just playing great teams and individual baseball and making the conference tournament," said freshman Seth Maier who is majoring in early childhood.

The Blue Devils could be up for a tough challenge this season, especially against University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, University of Wisconsin-Oshkosh and University of Wisconsin-Whitewater.

Fans can start cheering on the baseball team at home starting Wednesday, April 2 at 1:00 p.m. when they play UW-Superior.

The Blue Devils anticipate a successful season of making it to the tournament. The WIAC Tournament is May 9-10 and the NCAA Division III Midwest Regional is May 15-18. The NCAA III World Series is May 23-27 in Grand Chute, Wis.

"I'm looking forward to making the conference and the NCAA's, but not the bus ride to Missouri and Texas,"said senior Matthew Hoeft, a general business major.

The Blue Devils will be playing seven games while on the spring break trip to Missouri and Texas.

A new dugout has been added to the Blue Devil baseball field this season. Last summer one of the dugouts burned down, so a new one was built last fall. The field should be in good condition for the start of the season.

"We would like to place first in the conference," said pitcher Joe Huiting, majoring in technology education. "I play for the love of the game and the competition."

Craig Walter is heading into his second season as head coach of the Blue Devils assisted by Mark Thomas, Jon Winter and Joe Bauer.



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War in Iraq impacts UW-Stout

Shanon Lehrke
The Stoutonia

America has now entered a time of war. Television stations are filled with updates, soldiers are fighting, people are dying and more conflict has been added to the classrooms.

Last month it was the budget crisis: What should the University of Wisconsin-Stout do? Thoughts now turn towards the nation. What should America do?

This question has entered classrooms and there are distinct differences of opinion, but should teachers explore the situation by exposing students to their own views?

"Our job is to make you a thinking citizen," said Peter Heimdahl, associate dean in the College of Technology, Engineering and Management. "We should show you both sides of the issue so you can come to your own conclusions."

English professor Sue Beckham takes a different stance on the issue.

"My students all know where I stand and if they don't hear it from us they are never going to hear it," said Beckham. "Right now, from the media, they are only getting one side."

The media is often thought of as delivering a one-sided, political view.

"If professors are going to give their views, they should give information from alternate sources," said business administration senior Jon Cunningham.

Some students do not like being told what to think, especially when it comes to the war.

"I've been in the situation where a teacher pushes their beliefs and it is uncomfortable," said Chris Kersten, a senior in technology education.

Students are more concerned about teachers who push their beliefs verses ones who mention their views.

"I don't mind if they tell me their views as long as I'm allowed to voice mine," Cassandra Robinson, a senior in business administration. "It is nice to have their opinions because they are more experienced then we are."

Many students also stated that teachers should focus on the concept that American soldiers need support from the U.S. citizens right now.

"Professors shouldn't be pushing their opinions of the war; they should be pushing the support of the troops,"

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by Andrea Nies, The Stoutonia

A group of students gather around the flags near UW-Stout's administration buliding. The site has been used by Women in Black and former National Guard members, two groups with differing views on the war in Iraq.

Brutal budget takes another victim

Aleshia Brouwer
The Stoutonia

Registration is usually a frustrating time, but this year could be even worse.

It has been pushed back almost two weeks while students and teachers face a new kind of challenge: the budget cuts.

Facing combined classes, larger class sizes and reduced class offerings, the University of Wisconsin-Stout is working to meet the challenges it faces.

"The whole agenda is to provide classes for students," said Robert Sedlak, Provost at UW-Stout. "We don't want students to register and then cancel their classes."

The usual fall registration date has been pushed back until April 10.

In the past, it has typically landed on the Friday after advisement day.

However, due to the budget cuts, registration day won't begin for another 14 days after advisement.

By holding off registration, it is less likely that changes in course offerings would be made after students sign up for them.

"It would be a pain if we had to change classes after everything was done," said Jason Dorschner, a sophomore in general business administration. "It's already hard enough to get the right schedule."

> "We may not be able to offer every course as often as we have in the past."
>
> **Rita Christoffersen**
> *Professor, Apparel Design*

A course timetable is currently available, but it's not official. University officials are confident that they can finalize class offerings by the first day of registration.

"We're in the final position now of the budget reduction for next year," said Sedlak.

The timetable will likely consist of larger class sizes, and more classes per instructor. Department chairs may also be putting in more teaching hours.

"We just don't know what courses we'll have to offer," said Rita Christoffersen, professor of apparel design and development. "It's going to be a real hardship on our program."

After recently reconstructing their program requiring more credits, the apparel program faces a possible staff position cut.

"It'll be harder to have the courses available that students need," said Christoffersen. "We may not be able to offer every course as often as we have in the past."

The administration is planning to develop a direct system of feedback between students and those who are coordinating the courses.

This way, they can create a database to help them alert students if classes they need become available. The uni-

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Weekend Weather

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versity will also be aware of required courses students need for graduation.

The timetable of courses is tentatively set for release by April 10 because the governor's budget proposal of a tuition increase has not been approved by the state Legislature.

However, if the state makes drastic budget adjustments over the summer, changes in course offerings could result.

Rather than leaving students stranded, the university hopes to combine classes or allow substitutions to be made in extreme cases.

"Our goal is that cancellation of particular classes is rare," said Sedlak. "We're doing the best we can with what we know now."

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said Andrew Bottolfson, a senior in applied math and computer science.

Heimdahl spoke about his support on behalf of the soldiers. He served in the U.S Army for more than thirty years.

"The people that love peace more then anybody else are soldiers, but when it comes to serve they are willing to do it and do it well," Heimdahl said.

Many students and faculty members expressed overwhelming support for the troops despite all views of the situation in Iraq.

"Soldiers are out there representing us and doing a very dangerous thing," said Kimberly Vannorsdall, a junior in technical communication. "It takes a very driven person to be able to do that."

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Missing student's body found

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

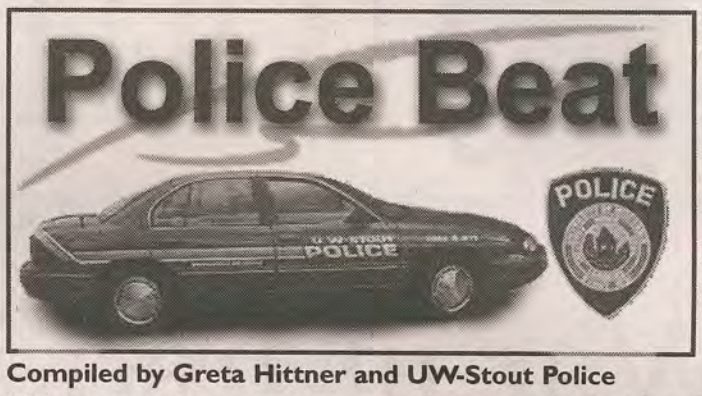
The body of Michael Noll, the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire student reported missing since November, was found in Half Moon Lake late Tuesday night.

The lake is located in Carson Park on the west side of Eau Claire, Wis.

Police found Noll's wallet on him and the clothes he was wearing matched the description of what he was last seen in when leaving an Eau Claire bar the night of November 6, 2002. He had been celebrating his birthday with some friends.

According to Eau Claire Deputy Chief Gary Foster, Wednesday's autopsy results revealed no signs of trauma to the body and that the cause of death was drowning.

Last fall, Noll was one of four college-age adults reported missing from areas along the Interstate 94 corridor.



Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Watch your mirrors
On March 13, a parking officer found two black side mirrors in UW-Stout parking lot 34. The officer looked in the area and found a Geo Metro with both side mirrors missing. The owner of the vehicle was contacted. She went to Parking Services to pick up the mirrors. There were four more reports of cars missing side mirrors and other vandalism in lot 34 between March 13 and 14.

When thirst strikes
A staff member reported on the evening of March 13 that the front glass of a Pepsi cooler was smashed out in the Johnson Fieldhouse. A gymnastics crew had been setting up equipment but did not report any damage. One of the crew members said that the fieldhouse was unlocked and that anyone could have entered and caused the damage without his knowledge.

War graffiti
On March 17, a staff member reported pro-war and anti-war graffiti on the sidewalk between the old football field and the climbing wall. Three messages were spray painted on the sidewalk reading "NO BLOOD FOR OIL," "SMOKE SADDAM, NOT DOPE" and "SAVE A TREE, KILL A BUSH." It is unknown who vandalized the sidewalk.

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School of Education will unite programs

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

The University of Wisconsin-Stout is known for producing excellent teachers in a wide range of disciplines. Next year, all education programs that are currently scattered among three different colleges will be housed in the new School of Education.

According to John Enger, director of university relations, the school was established because there was no central voice for the education programs.

"This has affected our teacher accreditation," said Enger.

Just before spring break, Provost Robert Sedlak announced the appointment of Judy Jax as the interim dean for the School of Education. Jax is currently an associate dean of the College of Human Development.

"I am very excited to work on the establishment of a new School of Education," said Jax. "It illustrates a renewed interest in professional education programs at UW-Stout."

The school will operate from what is now the office of teacher education in the Home Economics Building. It will be home to seven undergraduate programs, five graduate programs and two education specialist programs.

Stephanie Berger is a junior majoring in two education programs – one in the College of Technology, Engineering and Management and the other in the College of Human Development.

"I think that having all the department heads working together in the office will be beneficial in the sense that there will be more consistency with the amount of observation hours that are required for the different majors," said Berger, who is majoring in technical education and family and consumer sciences education.

Berger believes that the new School of Education will make the education programs' curriculums more consistent, but she thinks it may be a rough transition at first.

"I think the creation of this school may take away from the time that these faculty members have for teaching and advising," said Berger. "But I have faith that the faculty in these departments can work together to reap the benefits of collaboration."

Jax's appointment is for a two-year term. The school will conduct a nationwide search during the 2004-2005 academic year.

"My intent is to work with faculty and staff in this new school so that together we can be more supportive of the over 1,500 students enrolled in professional education programs," Jax said. "I see my role as being the common voice and spokesperson for the faculty, staff and programs in this school that is part of UW-Stout."

According to Enger, the creation of the School of Education has been in the works for a long time and budget cuts will not hold it back.

"Since the position of dean will begin with an internal appointment, there should be only a small amount of additional cost," said Enger.

Like the rest of the university, the new School of Education will be affected in size by budget cuts.

"What is happening is that some of the positions are being downsized due to the budget reductions," said Sedlak.

"The new school is taking reductions even before it is formed and some excess capacity that would have been in the [other] colleges will not be there next year."



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Judy Jax, an associate dean of the College of Human Development has been named as the interim dean for the new School of Education.

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Armed conflict is a foreign concept to us

War. We all knew it was coming, but did anyone think it'd be like this?

Operation Iraqi Freedom has become an entertainment and sports game type of event for many Americans. Lives are being laid down on both sides of the war and U.S. citizens are checking CNN like it's Sports Center.

"Hey. You wanna check the war for me?"

"Sure. It's about the 2nd period and it's beginning to look like we're ahead."

Pentagon officials actually sounded excited when announcing that the "Shock & Awe" bombings had begun. What kind of a name is Shock and Awe for the bombing of another country? It's not like we are giving the Iraqi people fireworks.

Reporters are shown live on battlefields during engagements with the enemy. Is this something our nation needs to see? Do we need to see real-time war?

In the past, war was something that had a direct effect on the American people. In both World Wars, U.S. soldiers went overseas to fight for freedom, and the country mourned their departure. Vietnam had a similar affect on the country, but had the added drama of television coverage. Now we find our great nation in the middle (or possibly halftime) of the most watched conflict in the history of the world.

For college students this mini-war is very odd. We never had to deal with the pains of a World War, or the lengthy sacrifices that were part of Vietnam. Sure we all remember Dessert Storm and President Bush telling us that Saddam was evil and had to be stopped, but Dessert Storm Version 2.0 is just a little strange to us.

Once again we have President Bush telling us that Saddam is, evil and we must shoulder the burden of fighting him. OK, Mr. President if you say so. Very few of us feel the impact of this major military action though.



Maybe we know a few people our age in the guard or have a relative who serves, but for the most part we remain distant from the battles. That is unless you count the videophone on the Fox News Channel or the numerous tickers on MSNBC.

Here at *The Stoutonia* we know we are not qualified and could never handle making the important choices involving this conflict. We have our hands full with running a good student newspaper, let alone a nation at war. But we do question the way the war is being shown and viewed. Maybe we should all think about how a war veteran would feel about the Iraq conflict the next time we have CNN/War Center on.

Uncertain how being at war should feel



LOLADI

Diane Wichern

We are at war. In all honesty that is an extremely surreal statement for me to make. I know we are at war. I've connected with the outside world through my television and internally mourned and protested and cheered with the rest of the people relatively disconnected from Iraq.

Comprehending the confused state of our country is not the problem. Rather when I try to understand my mental reaction to war, it's like I'm at a loss for words.

I understand the concept and even some of the reasons for going to war, but as superficial as it sounds, I cannot place how it directly affects me. And the thing is, it doesn't ever seem to affect me. I have no immediate family connection to the troops; I do not live in a hub of international activity.

I live my life completely distanced from things society says I should care at least a small particle about. But the sad part is that normally I'm comfortable with my naivety. I'm usually unconcerned with my apathetic nature towards our nation.

I fully admit that I, as well as most students, live in a bubble that reflects only the surface problems that infest our daily lives. Because we don't feel affected by the war in Iraq, we don't act with the abandon that the passionate apply.

Some people can understandably justify their apathy by calling it a defense mechanism, and in some ways everyone uses apathy as a way to distance themselves from feeling too much about any disquieting issue, but ignoring the issue completely crosses a line that should be left well enough alone.

There are times that I wish I cared: that I felt every bullet or every bomb personally, but then common sense prevails again and I realize the actual issue once more. If I, or we as students at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, were to take every attack or defense personally and hold it under our skin, seeking for the relief of others but not knowing how to accept it for ourselves, then we would never find a way to enjoy the daily monotonies that the troops in part make possible.

We should all keep a sense of compassion- it's the least these men and women deserve. But maybe the apathy of our generation isn't the worst thing to apply in this situation. We have to be able to function in our everyday lives, and dwelling on something we can in no way affect is not very conducive to living your life. The troops in Iraq help make it possible for us to live our lives in the day by day sense of the phrase. So spare a moment; spare a prayer and let those of a higher authority complete their duty

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Freedom is a bargain at 74.7 billion

This past week has shown that war truly is a terrible thing and it always will be, despite new technology and superior information. Innocent lives will be lost, and even our own soldiers may pay the ultimate price for our freedoms.

It is this fact that I believe we must never lose sight of. Our freedom was not free in 1776 during the revolutionary war, and it is true now more than ever, 200 years later. People have died for our country in the hopes that you and I could have the rights we enjoy, to have freedoms that much of the world is foreign to.

I am as guilty as any other Stout student in not fully grasping the gravity of the war we are fighting now. News media has brought it to us as never before, and while Saddam kills a dozen of his own people on purpose before breakfast, we go out of our way to avoid hurting them on accident!

Despite 12 years of attempted international rules and laws, he has often shown his blatant disregard for them. This was clearly illustrated in the opening of the war when Saddam launched Scud missiles, that were specifically banned by the U.N. This is a man who long ago killed his own nation's protestors and would likewise revel in seeing our freedom-loving nation destroyed.

While I understand the results of this war will undoubtedly require careful handling, I think it is an opportunity for America to show it's true colors. Just today truck loads of humanitarian aid flowed into southern Iraq, and for the first time these people have been freed from their unfair burden of terror and starvation.

Haven't these incredible hurdles we face in post war Iraq already been tested in the rubble of post WWII Germany, or Japan? We helped rebuild them and they have in turn become our allies and enjoy the same rights and freedoms every person across the globe should have access to.

These incredible opportunities do come with great challenges, and a culture accustomed to a ruthless dictator will not change quickly. Yet, to say that these challenges are too great to be accomplished or even attempted is not just turning our back on fellow human beings, but is allowing an evil tyrant to continue his persecution.

In this respect, I feel we would be placing ourselves in grave danger by never having acted at all. Greater than the concerns or the costs of this war is the cost of allowing these threats to grow against America.

It is clear to me that international negotiations would not work to regulate Saddam's regime, and they would have only allowed for him to continue to grow as a threat to the United States.

Confronting this threat to America is crucial in the new global landscape that has emerged in the 21st century. Already the gauntlet has been thrown down with the attacks on 9/11. Even that was not the first shot fired in this new war, but it awoke us to what happens when evil is ignored. It allowed Iraq to get off the hook because one nation's veto power would send a message rippling throughout the world that the U.S. and the now seemingly irrelevant U.N. have no intention of backing up tough words with tough actions.

My hope is that in fighting this war now, we will avoid a greater and more costlier war in the future. Accepting and taking on this challenge we will not back down from our message of hope and freedom, and if it is required we will continue to pay the incredible price of freedom that our brave soldiers prepared to do in Iraq.

Jason Sheck, a senior in construction, said it best when he said, "We cannot achieve euphoria and true peace by denying reality and rejecting responsibilities."

War in Iraq



POINT

Counterpoint

With Belind Lewis and John Harsdorf

From the Opinions Editor

A few weeks before we all left for Spring break John Harsdorf and Belinda Lewis each wrote a piece for Point-Counterpoint.

This week they are again tackling the subject of the Iraqi conflict.

You'll notice that the correct useage of the word Iraqi is in this issue of the paper.

Last time there was a Point-Counterpoint I, Curt Trnka, mispelt Iraq and wrote "War in Iraqi." That was a late night mistake and because of the notes and letters we receive after it I thought I'd clear up that I can use Iraq and Iraqi correctly.

Administration creates its own problems

Welcome to the new house of fear, folks. Coming back from spring break as a University of Wisconsin-Stout student has been somber. Watching the television, hearing soldier's stories and finding out what is happing at this exact moment in Iraq has certainly not improved my attitude about school here, or my future.

In fact, I would say that it has taken my energy level down a notch in most areas of my life.

Other people have also developed this depressive attitude. I think this is a great example of state-sponsored violence and paranoia. Why the leader of our nation would want to subject Americans to this may never be known, but it has happened.

Our government has been put in place to take care of us, the people. If you analyze the numbers, many Americans die every year: less than one percent die from terrorist acts. Will terrorism be increasing? I was reading an article in a medical journal the other day and there is a terrorist amongst us that affects 17 million people and costs Americans 58 billion dollars. Today! Right now! Do you know what it is? Heart disease. Small children, hide under your covers. Prepare the troops. Call your mothers, hug your friends.

And now another enemy. This one affects 41 million Americans. Lung problems such as asthma affect 41 million Americans and not one finger raised by the Bush administration to combat it.

Have you watched television all day watching people with these conditions lately? These people suffer, too. According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, drunk drivers were involved with 17,380 traffic deaths in 2001. All these things we can worry about, but our president has insisted to adding to this list by sending us to war. I might add Mr. Bush was convicted on drunken driving charges in 1976, just for the sake of slander.

The government in charge should stop feeding into the writhing paranoia we harbor, and concentrate on real problems affecting real people, such as getting jobs and health care. Employing citizens to make guns or kill people for tuition money doesn't count, either. Jobs we need are ones our president has never had.

Next time you watch the television and hear about troops, think of the kid in Minneapolis, Minn. fighting leukemia, or the ones who contract asthma because the pollution of fossil fuels in their lungs everyday, because they are heroes too. Sometimes the worry about problems becomes the problem.

"The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." –Franklin D. Roosevelt

"Freedom and fear are at war," George W. Bush, address to the joint session of Congress.



The U.S. is the world's only super power and is drawing comparisons to the roman empire. Can you say Caesar Bush?

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Letters to the Editor

Protest with respect

We are fortunate to live in a country in which we have the Constitutional right to free speech--however with every right comes a responsibility. I strongly believe in a person's right to express his/her opinion but what I find disheartening are those who abuse that right by infringing on another's. Anti-war protestors have been out in full force across the nation. Although many are doing so responsibly--it bothers me when they cross the line between free speech and harassment.

At a recent anti-war protest at the federal courthouse in Minneapolis protestors blocked entrances and shouted at those trying to enter their workplace. The same people crying out for world peace wouldn't let federal employees go to work in peace. Law enforcement officials spent their time keeping "peace protestors" under control. In times of economic crisis and budget cuts it is ridiculous to have to spend money on out-of-control protestors.

The messages being sent by those against the war have also crossed the line. Referring to our military as "warmongers" has to be the most disrespectful thing I have ever heard. These brave men and women have given up EVERYTHING to go overseas and protect our freedoms and the freedoms of others. Regardless of one's opinion of the current war, I think everyone owes our military personnel the utmost respect.

In closing, please remember that although we have the right to free speech—it doesn't give us the right to say and do "whatever we want." Respect for others prevails.

Sincerely,

Susan Dalton
UW-Stout Student

When Campus Police attack

As we walked from a local bar and made our way down the hill toward the dorm area of the school near north hall we encountered a police officer whom was under the impression that we were in fault of a crime. My friend and I were merely on our way home when said police officer stopped us for questioning. The officer asked us if "we were the ones with the smart mouth?" We looked at each other in awe that we would even be asked this question on our trudge home from the bar.

After assuring him that we were not the people in guilt of this fault finally he realized that we were not guilty. My friend, being a gentleman, offered to shake the officer's hand out of respect for the police doing their job, and was denied. The police officer replied "I don't know where your hand has been" and then rolled his window up and drove off in a manner of disrespect.

With the current conflicts in the world today, I question whose side the Stout police are on. The mission of the police is to protect and serve. By not shaking my hand, I was NOT protected nor served, ONLY OFFENDED.....WHO'S SIDE ARE YOU ON?.....!!!!!!

SINCERELY,
CONCERNED STOUT STUDENT

Dear CONCERNED,

As much as I hate to say it, since it would make a great article, the campus police are not out to get you or any other concerned students. But in regards to your letter, was it your friend's hand or your hand? And in all fairness the officer didn't know where the hand had been.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

If it comes down to a "jihad" we just might lose the war



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

For the past week we have all watched in the advertised "shock and awe" as our military forces have literally rolled over a majority of the Iraqi territory. We have committed to taking out the corrupted government in that region that has abused and killed their people for years.

To say that I am a citizen backing this war effort is an understatement. I have been in favor of this war since the beginning. I viewed it as not a ridiculous hostile takeover, rather a liberation of an oppressed people who know nothing but pain and suffering.

This war will not change only the regime in Iraq though. As President Saddam Huessein comes before his people in yet another taped message, the message is not victory. The message is not of hope. The message is of "jihad."

As Americans, this foreign word means very little. We constantly hear that jihad means "holy war," but that is not totally true. While it can lead to a holy war, a jihad is actually more of a means of conversion to the Islamic faith. Whether it be through speaking, fighting or with the heart, jihad is a means to a single zend; to spread the Islamic faith.

I find it ironic that in the same sentence that the American/British coalition is being accused of forcing a Zionist or Christian way of life on the Islamic population, the same is more or less being expected of them.

The real difference is that we certainly are not trying to convert an entire nation in the heart of the Middle East to Christianity. We are rallied together as a patriotic nation far before we are gathered as a nation of people under God during this conflict.

And that is why we would never win a true holy war.

Despite what outsiders may think, the United States is very far from being a Christian nation. In fact, we have basically been told that we must be so tolerant of the beliefs of everyone else in the United States that it has diluted the faith this nation once had. We can't possibly be trying to convert the world to Christianity if we can't even convert ourselves.

I really wonder how many of us would be willing to die in a holy war though. Would we be willing to fight for our respective gods as a divided nation if the Islamic extremist community or any other group declared a holy war against us? Would we die for the faith we have or would we die for the faith we don't have?

Hopefully we never have to answer those questions, but if it does become something more supernatural than cruise missiles and tanks, I hope we are ready for whatever comes our way. I hope we are truly as passionate about our faith and our willingness to fight for them as those who are willing to die for theirs are.

We never should have bought that pineapple



RIGHTHERE
Curt Trnka

Spring break costs way too much money. So I planned a cheaper version of spring break for some friends and myself who went with me to Florida. This whole article will have nothing in it but amusing bits and pieces from my spring break. Please read on and enjoy.

I was born on March 14, 1982. Spring break began on March 14, 2003. That means that I turned 21 on spring break in Florida. I won't tell you about my night of drinking, but I will dispel a rumor that TGIFridays gives you a free drink on your birthday. This is not true. I paid five dollars for a medium sized drink, and now believe TGIF's to be a communist restaurant.

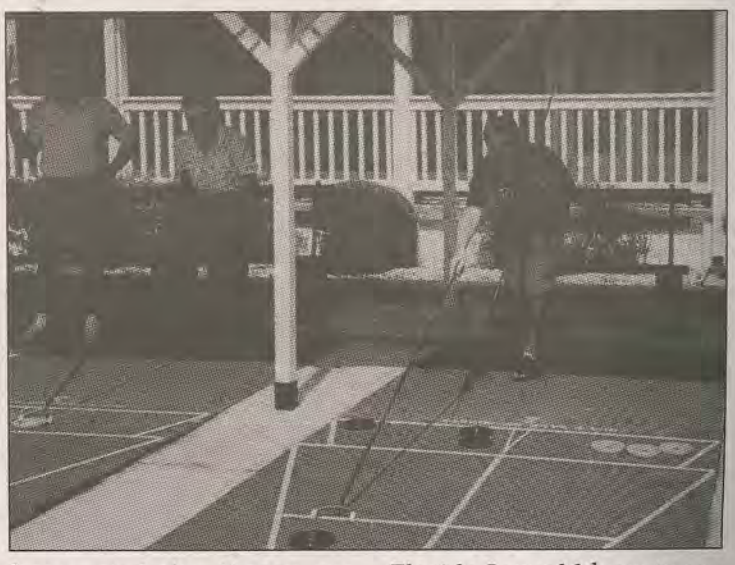
Two of my friends, Andy and Matt, who came with me on the trip, both have grandparents who live in Florida so we planned on spending two nights with their respective grandparents. The idea there was that the less we spend on hotels the more we have for other costs such as liquid refreshments.

When my group arrived at Lake Henry Estates, a small resident owned community in central Florida, on Saturday afternoon we met Matt's grandparents. We didn't know what to expect, but our hosts were very nice to us and we bought them strawberries and pineapple as a thank you gift for having us.

Of course as it turns out Matt's grandma is allergic to pineapple. She lost her voice Saturday night, just hours before she had to sing a solo in church. We were very kind houseguests.

While at Lake Henry we swam in the community pool and used the tennis courts. We learned to play a version of Canasta called Hand & Foot, and also learned to play shuffleboard.

We took the spring break for old people. Funny thing is we liked it so much we spent an extra night at Lake Henry. That second night we saw a musical and played more Hand & Foot. I never lost a game of Hand & Foot. The Lady's team never lost a game. Do the math.



Once we left our great hosts at Lake Henry we went to Fort Myers Beach and did the typical spring break events such as starring at girls on the beach, drinking until you can't take anymore and watching Minnesota Twins spring training games.

But of my time in Florida I would have to say that I enjoyed myself equally whether I was on a beach drinking and partying or I was winning games of Hand & Foot for the Lady's team. What does all this mean? I have no idea. All I know is we should never have bought that pineapple.

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Campus searches for food...fast

Why UW-Stout does not have fast food partnerships for student dining

Tiffany Laschinger
Curt Trnka
The Stoutonia

After last year's signing with two of the largest computer companies, Apple and Compaq, the University of Wisconsin-Stout students have taken notice to other campus partnerships. Pepsi was signed to the university during the 2000-2001 school year after the previous sponsorship with Coca-Cola expired.

Students have questioned why the campus does not have any other dining service partnerships.

"I always wondered why we didn't have any fast food places on campus," said Andy Flaker, a freshman majoring in graphic communications management. "So many other schools have them."

The only brand names dining services have contracts with are StarBucks, Campbells and Uncle Ben's. Without big-name corporations like Burger King and Taco Bell, students are limited to the university's dining selection.

In the 1970s UW-Stout had a Burger King funded restaurant installed in the Home Economics building to train hospitality and tourism management majors restaurant operations, but it was later removed, because it could not sustain itself.

A campus such as the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire contracts its food services out. The only four UW-schools that have self-contracted dining services are University of Wisconsin-Madison, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, University of Wisconsin-Platteville and UW-Stout. Although, UW-Madison and UW-Milwaukee also contract out to food companies.

A self-contracted food service means that the money made by the campus in food sales stays within the university's system helping to pay for other food expenses. This allows the campus to keep prices down on items that they offer.

Students in a hurry to get a meal are looking for nothing more than fast food, but if they want to eat on-campus they are limited the university dining service brands. While UW-Stout has a variety of eateries, there are students who would welcome a well-known restaurant to their selections.

"If they order a Big Mac in Menomonie, Wis. or order a Big Mac in Salt Lake City, Utah, they expect that product to be the same, and it is," said Pat Niles, assistant director of food services. "A franchise brings a proven product with proven methods of producing the products and proven marketing methods."

Bringing a fast food-type restaurant to the campus would involve a long signing process, sometimes taking up to two years. Once a franchise is brought on campus the university must provide a facility that is up to standards of the corporation. If McDonalds were contracted to UW-Stout, the university would have to buy everything needed for operation including standard McDonalds trash cans.

Also, the location is controlled by the contracted company, which means that they control the hours of operation.

"If you are not productive or profitable from 10:00 12:00 at night, they will tell you to shut your doors,"said Niles. "In essence, they will tell you when to open and close based on when they are profitable and when they are not."

A contracted food company also has say over they employees they hire.; They may choose to hire students, but could also hire out.

A percentage of the money generated at the site goes to the businesses headquarters where stockholders benefit from the profit, not the campus.

With the every changing wants and needs of a growing campus, the productivity of any student oriented business can fluctuate dramatically, making any hope for stability unrealistic. If any fast food company were to be implemented in the UW-Stout dining service and business went sour, the university would lose money resulting in an increase in student dining fees.

"The bottom line is the franchise is there to make money for the company that owns them," said Niles.

There are some students that believe a major food franchise on campus is not necessary.

"I don't think we need fast food," said Tony Karr, a senior majoring in technology education. "It is unhealthy and fattening."

Erin Krempel, a sophomore majoring in art, believes that it would be more convenient to have fast food on campus.

"I would rather eat cheap than eat good."

Doing dirty work to pay for tuition

Missy Powell
The Stoutonia

It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's just Jon Nelson, student, custodian and the Mr. Fix-It on the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus.

Many people may see Nelson wandering the hallways of the UW-Stout Commons with a garbage bag in hand, but not many have experienced the duties behind custodial work.

Nelson started working as a custodian two years ago and works between 20-30 hours per week.

Nelson admits that working 4-6 days a week has left him sleep deprived.

"When I start working more than 20 hours a week it is difficult to catch up on sleep," he said, adding that sometimes it is also difficult to do homework.

As a custodian or "Custodial Engineer Extrodinar" as Nelson prefers to be called, there are many different tasks that need to be done. During the week Nelson is responsible for vacuuming, sweeping, mopping, cleaning hoods, scrubbing kitchen floors and cleaning windows. On the weekend, when Nelson usually works alone, he is scrubbing floors, scrubbing spots off of walls and cleaning the bathrooms.

"[I] flirt with the student managers; that's always my favorite part," Nelson laughed.

While collecting garbage bags Nelson shows off his basketball skills and admits that this type of cleaning is

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by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

Sanitizing the floor is just one of the jobs that Jon Nelson does daily while on the clock.

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only part of the job.

"I like to be organized, but I'm not," he said.

Nelson decided to become a custodian because he needed a change in his life. He said that this job seemed like it would be a fun-filled challenging environment.

Nelson's favorite part of working as a custodian is the interaction with the people around the building, but when it comes to dislikes Nelson is specific.

"Huge messes and cleaning up bodily fluids I don't like," Nelson said.

Nelson added that the stereotype many have about a custodian is often wrong.

Nelson gets annoyed with those who believe they can make huge messes and that it is the janitor's job to clean them up.

"That is an incorrect assumption," he said.

As Nelson cleaned the urinals through strong stench of chemicals he choked, "I'd like to see what kind of mixtures are fun to breathe in!"

Nelson noted that although not too many of the chemicals he works with are dangerous, he has never gotten a chemical burn. Safety precautions also require custodians to use goggles, gloves and steel toe shoes while they are working.

Nelson has had some odd experiences while on the job. He has found everything from underwear to notes for classes, and has done everything from swear at inanimate objects to fix elevators and dishwashers.

"I once even walked into a wall because I wasn't paying attention," he said.

When Nelson isn't being Mr. Fix-It he occasionally plays video games, hangs out, plays around on the computer or visits The Log Jam.

Overall Nelson gets satisfaction from the progress that he makes after a hard days work, but according to Nelson not just anyone can do the job.

"[They have to be] dedicated, willing to learn, open to new ideas, have a good work ethic, be a good listener and be dead sexy like me," Nelson laughed.

At the end of the night Nelson collects the remaining garbage bags and remembers one more thing had to be done for the night.

"Maybe I'll do it tomorrow," he said.

The Fake News

Stout student wears shorts too soon

Poor decision-making leads to hypothermia, humiliation

Prvt. Matthew Tracy
The Stoutonia

As Paul Jirik walked from his room on the fourth floor of Wigen Hall, he was confident he would be comfortable as he walked to his first class of the day.

Coming from his spring break vacation in luxurious Cancun, Mexico, Jirik wanted to show his new tan to the entire campus.

Unfortunately for Jirik, his choice in shorts was a bit much for the average University of Wisconsin-Stout student.

"Seriously, what was that guy thinking?" said Tim Parrott, a senior business major. "I mean, shorts is one thing. But those were like...well...women's shorts."

It was true Jirik had picked up a pair of women's shorts from the Targeta in Mexico (known as Target in the United States). He was told by the Cancun locals that it was the "Eurpoean thing to do."

"I just thought that it was something different and fresh," Jirik said. "I guess Stout just isn't ready for all that the Jirik has to offer."



by Tom Tonsager, The Stoutonia

Paul Jirik checks his pager which was "blowin' up" while he was walking back to his room in Wigen Hall. It was his mom. She told him to put some pants on.

While we are unclear just what "Jirik has to offer," we can only speculate that it would be the first time the offer would ever be accepted by a living person.

As the day went on, Jirik realized that he was actually the only one wearing shorts on this unseasonably warm day, let alone anyone else wearing women's shorts.

"I probably should have just changed before I went to my class, but I couldn't just give up," said Jirik. "If we aren't willing to be open-minded in something like

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Short shorts shock students, scare children

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women's apparel, then the terrorists have already won."

Jirik's fellow students tend to disagree though.

"I don't think it has anything to do with terrorism really," said Jason Boon, a senior industrial design major. "Those are white shorts. What if it would start to rain or he spilled something on them. I don't even want to think about it. Gross."

Jirik has had a history of taking risky apparel choices. When Jirik was in sixth grade he was seen wearing slap-bracelets covering his entire arms until he was unable to move them.

"I don't think I will wear those shorts again. I just know that it is only a matter of time though," said Jirik. "I'm just a trendsetter."

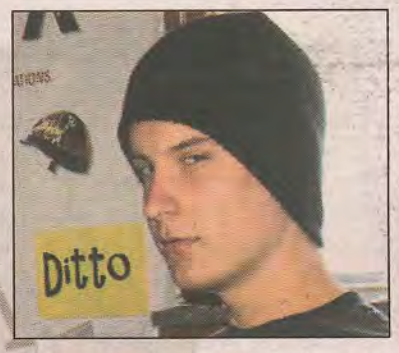
Few other students would call Jirik an innovator though.

"I just think it's plain frightening," said Ryan Liddell, a junior business major. "No one wants to see that. Not now, not ever."

Campus Slant



"Blue Devil Chronicles."
~Karl sauskojus,
soph., Psychology



"The Badly Edited Crap."
~Rob Ward
soph., hotel, restaurant and tourism management

If you could rename *The Stoutonia* what would it be?



"Stout Today."
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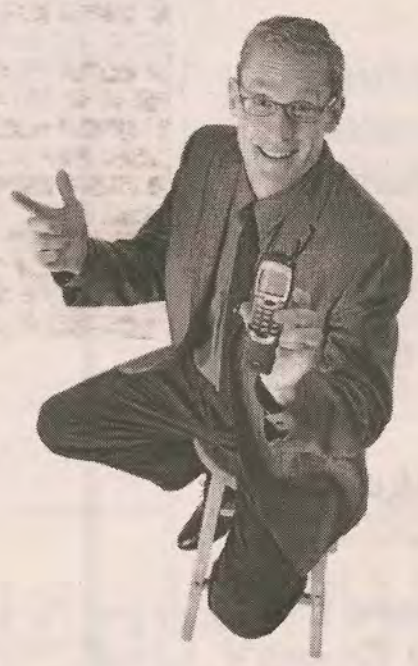


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"Trying to merge my two dimensions."



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

Connections seem to dwindle as the phone calls and e-mails become more and more infrequent. The static sound on the other end of the phone does no justice to the facial expressions that make a conversation more animated. A page of text telling of the day's events lacks the human connection that keeps the person reading interested.

At times it is hard to balance two different worlds when running between the home I grew up in and the home I have made at school. It's hard to find the time to pick up the phone and call someone to catch up with different lives lead miles away.

I try to keep in touch with my parents, but I may not call them for over a week. When I do call, the first five minutes of the conversation are spent by my parents ragging about how I never call. I feel bad, but it's not easy to multitask when you have projects and homework due and your roommate is blasting Dave Matthews and watching the TV all while you try to fill your parents in on your life.

Keeping up with friends at home proves to be an even bigger challenge. Reminiscing can last only so long before the nostalgia becomes depressing. When your best friend from sixth grade tells you all about her current drama, it leaves you feeling unattached when she can't relate to the new people involved in her life.

A random phone call from an old friend is a great way to lift my day, but when I hang up the phone I wonder why it's been so long since we have talked and if this will be the last time we talk for a while.

I think of all the other people that were once in my daily life, now detached and nearly forgotten.

I know for the most part the friends that remain in my life are ones that I can come back to after any time apart. We can reconnect and pick up where we left off. As for my family, blood will always run thick and distance will never separate.

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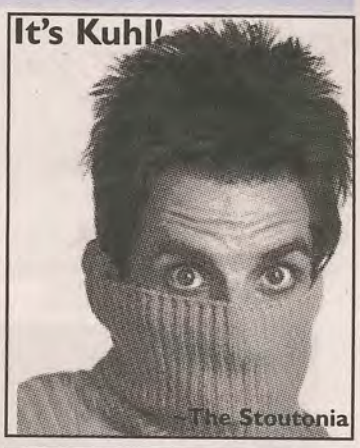
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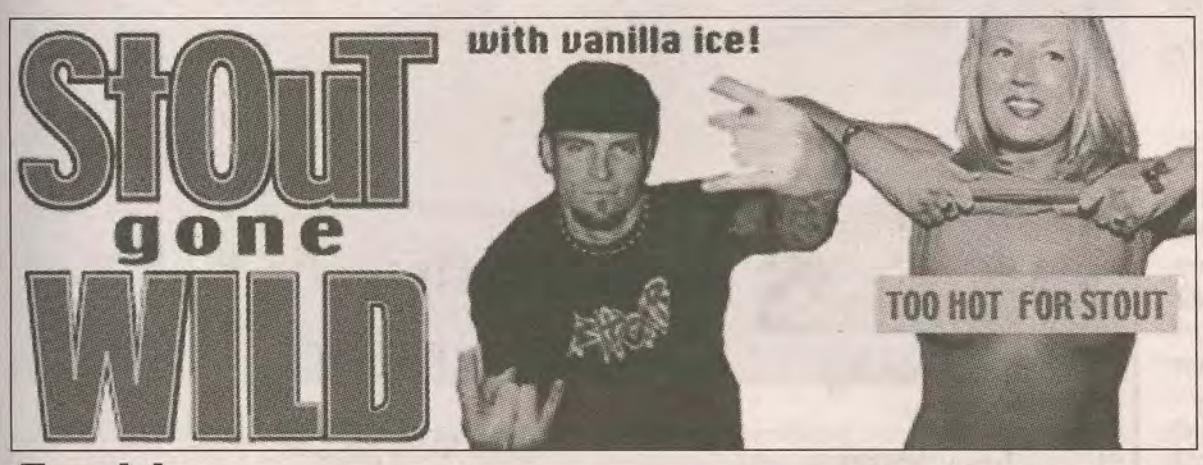
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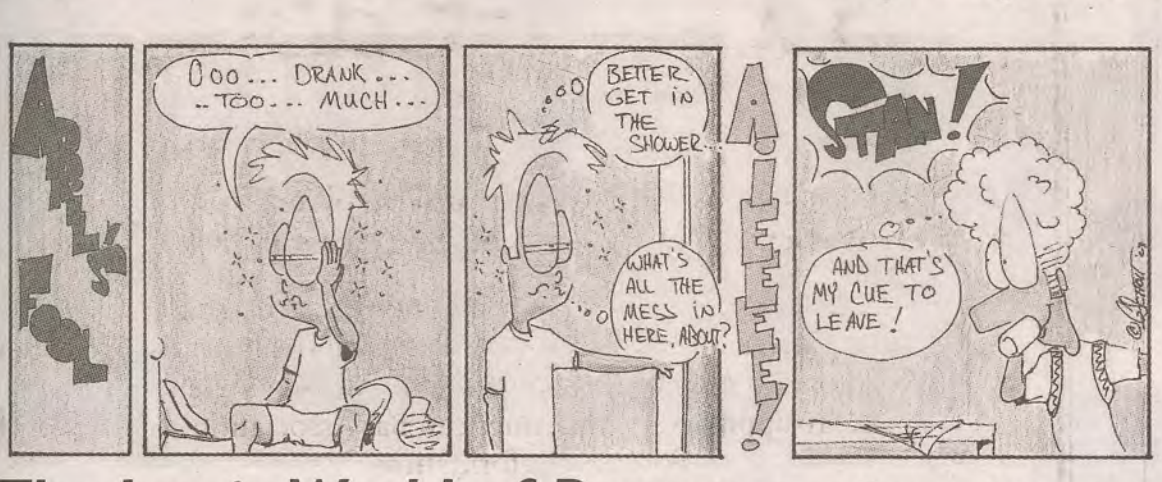
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Thursday, Mar. 27
ADVISEMENT DAY, NO CLASSES
• 8 p.m., **Hip Hop & Spoken Word**

Friday, Mar. 28
• All Day, **Indoor Race Car Show and Swap Meet**, Dunn Co. Rec. Park

• 11:15 a.m., **Research Seminar Series**, 341 Harvey Hall

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Saturday, Mar. 29
• All Day, **Indoor Race Car Show and Swap Meet**, Dunn Co. Rec. Park

• 12 p.m., **8 Team Women's Soccer Governor's Cup**, MPR, Johnson Fieldhouse

• 7 p.m., **Dance**, Dunn Co. Rec Park

Sunday, Mar. 30
• 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., **Empty Bowls for Interfaith Food Pantry**, silent auction, hand-made ceramic bowl & home-made soup, music & displays, Menomonie Middle School, $15

• 11 a.m., **Chili Feed for M.S.**, St Joe's Church, 910 Wilson Ave., Adults $5, Children 4-12 $3, Family $12

• 12 p.m., **8 Team Women's Soccer Governor's Cup**, MPR, Johnson Fieldhouse

Monday, Mar. 31
no events scheduled

April is National Poetry Month and Alcohol Awareness Month

Tuesday, Apr. 1
APRIL FOOL'S DAY!

• 5-9 p.m., **Rhymes With Orange**, art exhibit opening, Student Gallery, 2nd floor Applied Arts

• 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., **Diversity Interaction Program**, Great Hall, MSC

Wednesday, Apr. 2
no events scheduled

Thursday, Apr. 3
• 8 p.m., **Claire Stone & Marc Ballini**, acoustic music, Heritage Cafe

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to Belinda @ Stoutonia or lewisb@uwstout.edu

Chicago sings

Bill Denney
The Stoutonia



Courtesy of: www.oscars.com

Chicago star, Catherine Zeta-Jones was awarded for Best Supporting Actress at the 75th Annual Academy Awards last Sunday night. *Chicago* was nominated for 13 awards, the most of any film.

The joyous musical *Chicago* swept through the Oscars on Sunday with six awards, including Best Film, but the Holocaust drama *The Pianist* dazzled audiences with two big upset victories for director Roman Polanski and actor Adrien Brody in a ceremony overshadowed by the war with Iraq.

For much of this year's awards season in Hollywood, *Chicago* had been a front-runner, and coming into the Oscars it was an odds-on favorite in many top categories with 13 nominations, more than any other film.

It took the most honors, but many of those six awards were in minor categories. When *Chicago* star Renee Zellweger lost Best Actress to a tearful Nicole Kidman in the drama *The Hours* the curtain finally came down on the musical about a pair of murdering showgirls and the media who made them stars.

Still, producer Martin Richards was ecstatic with his victory for Best Picture after shepherding the movie through dozens of writers, directors, actors and actresses for more than 25 years.



"I hadn't believed I would win this from the very, very beginning," Richards told reporters backstage. "To me, it's been unbelievable. It's been a trip."

Along with Best Film, *Chicago* put Catherine Zeta-Jones in the winners category for Best Supporting Actress, and it earned Oscars in Art Direction, Sound, Costume Design and Editing.

Adrien Brody, who portrays Holocaust survivor and piano player Wladyslaw Szpilman in *The Pianist*, gave the audience its biggest surprise with a Best Actor Oscar over heavily favored Daniel Day-Lewis of *Gangs of New York* and Jack Nicholson in *About Schmidt*.

He became the youngest man ever to win the Best Actor Oscar, claiming that distinction from Richard Dreyfuss, who was 30 when he won.



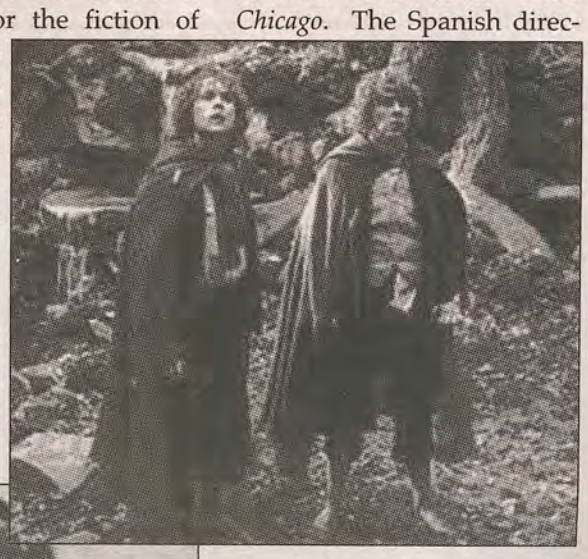
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Nicole Kidman won Best Actress in *The Hours*, Best Actor was awarded to Adrien Brody and *The Two Towers* walked away with two Oscars for technical excellence.

Another unforgettable moment from the ceremony was Michael Moore's acceptance speech when he won for his documentary feature *Bowling For Columbine*. In it he invited all his fellow nominees in the category to join him on stage and he made an anti-war statement to the crowd.

"We live in a time where we have a man sending us to war for fictitious reasons. Whether it is the fiction of duct tape or the fiction of orange alerts, we are against this war, Mr. Bush. Shame on you, Mr. Bush!"

This outburst was echoed by a mixture of cheers and boos that made the venue so loud, the final segment of his speech could not be heard.



Among other winners was Chris Cooper's Best Supporting Actor victory for his work in *Adaptation*. The screenplay awards offered a double shot of surprise when *The Pianist* took home the Oscar for Best Adapted Screenplay over heavily favored *The Hours* and *Chicago*. The Spanish director Pedro Alomovar, who pulled an upset nomination for Best Director, won the Best Original Screenplay Oscar for his film *Talk To Her*.

The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers brought home two Oscars for Sound Editing and Visual Effects and Martin Scorsese's much anticipated, but short falling film *Gangs of New York* got completely snubbed even with it's ten nominations. For complete results on all of the categories simply visit http://www.oscar.com.

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Sorority Life: a realistic representation?



Janelle Klander
The Stoutonia

Last fall a local sorority from University of New York at Buffalo became the focus of MTV's filming of its second season of Sorority Life. A few weeks ago MTV began airing the first semester of Delta Xi Omega (DZO) during pledge time.

The first season aired last spring and captured an estimated 2 million viewers per episode.

As millions of viewers sit glued to the constant reruns of the reality show, one must wonder if University of Wisconsin-Stout sororities are actually like this.

"A Sorority is a bunch of girls that come from different backgrounds and have different personalities, and you build a relationship with each one of them," said Chris Morris, a sophomore in human development and family studies.

There doesn't seem to be any relationship building so far on the show. The sorority has chosen its pledges and the betrayal has begun. Unlike the first season, the eight pledges are living together in a house where the girls are practically encouraged to talk about one another and cause conflict.

"The mean things that those girls do on the show does not happen in my sorority," said Cindy Holmberg, a sophomore in retail merchandising management.

One thing that the UW-Stout sorority members did agree on is that the recruitment and the basic objective of the sorority was similar to their own.

According to DZO, they strive to achieve strong school spirit, enhance their academics, help women to obtain their goals, be involved in community work and establish life-long ties.

These seem like typical goals of a sorority. Yet with those similarities the show seems to give a misleading depiction of what a sorority consists of.

Allison Jansen, a senior in technology education, said, "The terminology was somewhat realistic, but in real life there is a lot less drama."

There are fifteen current members in DZO and they are the only ones that seemed genuine. The pledges seem unenthusiastic about even becoming a DZO sister.

"The active members seem real and the formal recruitment is similar," Holmberg said.

Every sorority is different, but MTV is revealing an unrealistic stereotype of sororities and although there may be some that are similar to it, the UW-Stout Sororities prove they aren't.

"The media wants to get your attention to get ratings, so they are dramatizing things," said Morris. "It's not an accurate portrayal of a sorority."

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Do cities attract pigeons like rotting produce creates fruit flies? They are as present and repulsive as the insects they invoke. Pigeons hang around hoping for some scrap of nourishment to be dropped from the humans they harass.

I am afraid of pigeons. To feel the rush of air from their beating wings and hear the sound of the rustle of their feathers utterly terrifies me. They can smell my fear.

Seagulls are another matter altogether. Every seaside town has them and Worthing, England is no exception. They are not as ominous as pigeons, but are much larger, not to mention louder.

Who needs an alarm clock when you can count on your friendly neighborhood flock of seagulls to rouse you before the sun rises with their grating off-key ruckus?

Why, you may ask, am I so filled with distaste for these birds? I think the reason can be found by looking to Menomonie's own squirrel population.

Hordes of squirrels can be found roaming the campus at any time of day, much like the pigeons in Worthing.

However, I find the squirrels endearing. I think they must seduce me with their twitching tails and erratic behavior.

All this talk of disagreeable birds brings about the point that I have yet to see any songbirds in Worthing. It is almost as though the pigeons and seagulls have launched a plan to rid Worthing and its surrounding area of all desirable wildlife.

Last week I took the train up to Edinburgh, Scotland and saw amazing scenery and buildings.

Most of all, I enjoyed seeing the wildlife. The most remarkable thing I saw was a flock of swans sitting in a field.

Swans are such a novelty in Wisconsin; we only see them in zoos or ornamental ponds. I never thought of the possibility that they existed outside of such circumstances.

I guess that until I go on further adventures, I will have to find charm in pigeons.

BDP targeting art majors?

Matt Schubbe
The Stoutonia

Recently there has been talk that Blue Devil Productions (BDP), the major organization involved in planning campus entertainment events, plans events specifically towards art students. How much truth is there to that rumor?

"No, I don't think we're catering to art students," said Darrin Witucki, BDP advisor. "We try to offer a variety of events that appeal to the wide of variety of students here on campus."

Witucki also pointed out the cost of planning events with big name headliners.

"If we wanted to program things to what we thought the majority of students would go to, it would be easier, but a lot more expensive," Witucki said.

Another reason more art students may be attending is because of the way postering is handled in the art building.

"The art building has some very relaxed rules on postering so we put a lot of posters up there," said Witucki.

Some students' feelings on the subject seemed to be in agreement with that of BDP also.



File photos
BDP aims at bringing in shows from musicians to independent films and comedians to appeal to wide audiences.

"I don't think they cater to art students," said Katie Costello, a freshman in industrial design. "They bring in acts that they can realistically afford."

Other students felt the same way.

"The events I've attended in the past don't seem to be catering to art students," said Pete Gering, a freshman mechanical design major.

However, there are some that do not think BDP is being as diverse as they could be.

"They seem to cater to people who are more ecentric," said Tabitha Martin, a sophomore art education major.

"They need to be more original," said Ashley Herman, a sophomore special education major. "We see a hypnotist twice a year."

"It doesn't have to be something famous. It could be a student building activity instead," said Martin.

Some students suggested that BDP might not even consider students when planning events.

"I don't think they cater at all to students," said Shawn Peter, a freshman majoring in business.

"Sometimes they go so far out in left field that it's not appealing [to attend events]."

Whatever the case, BDP has a clear mission statement.

"Our goal for the year is to have the number of students attending events equal the number of students in the school," said Witucki.

Hopefully that goal will be realized.

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Reviewing the week in sports

D.J. Vinar
The Stoutonia

Gymnastics

The University of Wisconsin-Stout qualified four individuals to compete in the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) meet that will take place on March 28-29 at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Senior Tiffany Reber will make her second straight appearance as an all arounder at the national meet. Reber will be joined by freshmen Rhian Paulson, Cassie Johnston and Helen Pansch. Paulson will compete on the vault and the uneven bars, Johnston will compete on the uneven bars, balance beam and floor exercise, and Pansch will compete on the floor exercise.

Women's Basketball

UW-Stout junior forward Laura Verdegan was named to the D3hoops.com women's All Central Region third team. Verdegan averaged 10.7 points per game and led the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference in field goal percentage, shooting at a 56.7 clip for the season.

Baseball

The UW-Stout baseball team began their spring break trip to Joplin, MO with an 11-1 loss against NCAA Division II Missouri Western. The nightcap saw the Blue Devils commit five errors and manage only three hits in an 8-2 loss to Dordt College.

UW-Stout traveled down to Seguin, Texas for two games against Texas Lutheran University. Game one saw Texas Lutheran pound out 21 hits and defeat UW-Stout 21-5. The same two teams met again the following day. The Blue Devils kept the game close against the undefeated Bulldogs early, but Texas Lutheran blasted five runs in the sixth inning, and four runs in the seventh and eighth innings leading to a 17-7 win.

San Antonio, Texas was the next stop for the Blue Devils. UW-Stout started out strong in the top of the first inning, scoring two runs against Trinity College. That lead didn't last though, as Trinity scored three runs in the bottom of the first and never looked back. The Blue Devils only managed four hits and allowed seven errors in a 13-4 defeat.



The Blue Devils returned to Joplin, MO to finish their trip with a doubleheader against the University of Sioux Falls. UW-Stout dropped game one 10-8, and game two 10-3. Blue Devil senior pitcher Ryan Jensen possibly tore a bicep muscle in a relief appearance and will most likely be out for the season.

Mens Track and Field

UW-Stout's freshmen Joe Seep and sophomore Brady Hurtgen, finished in the top five in the 55-meter dash to highlight the Blue Devils' final day at the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Indoor Track & Field Championships, Saturday, March 8 at UW-Oshkosh.

Seep placed fourth in a time of 6.65 seconds, while Hurtgen was close behind with a time of 6.68.

Sophomore Taylor Hustad placed eighth in the 400-meter dash (51.42) as Stout tied for sixth place with UW-Eau Claire with 26 points.

The Blue Devils' 4x200-relay team placed fourth with a time of 1:31.91 min.



Junior Lewis Cassellius placed fifth in the pole vault with a height of 15' 7".

In the shot put, Scott Jensen placed seventeenth with a toss of 45-1.50. Jason Hotujec placed twenty-first with a toss of 42-7.

Eric Moe came into the meet seeded 11th. But, his jump of 22-feet, 3.75-inches moved him into scoring position and placing him at third overall.

Softball starts in Florida

Jimmy Weideman
The Stoutonia

While many students were laying on the beach during spring break, University of Wisconsin-Stout softball players were starting off the season with spring training games with teams all over the country.

"I don't think we started out bad," said sophomore general business major Jamie Gorges. "But, during the middle of the week we really peaked and came together."

UW-Stout opened up spring training in Kissimme, Fla on Saturday, March 15. The Blue Devils started off the trip with a loss to Illinois Wesleyan 10-6. Later that day UW-Stout got first wins of the Florida spring training 8-7 against Calvin College.

Freshmen Tasha Rosenbrook helped the cause going 4 for 4 at the plate with a triple and three doubles, including a game winner in the eighth inning.

The following day, Sunday, March 16 the Blue Devils opened up with a loss to St. Norbert due to a rain delay ending the game in the 6th inning with a score of 9-6. Later that day UW-Stout's freshman pitcher Megan Donely pitched a shoot-out 2-0 victory over Wooster College.

After a day rest UW-Stout beat Iowa Wesleyan 2-1 and the University of the South 3-1 onTuesday March 18, making a three-game winning streak.

After six games in four days and the Florida heat, fatigue may have set in on the Blue Devils. The Blue Devils went on a losing streak starting Wed., March 19 losing to Illinois Wesleyan 5-3 and to Hope College.

The losing continued the next day with a 6-3 loss to UW-Platteville. UW-Stout won their final game 4-3 against Springfield College to end their three game losing streak.

"I think it was good to play on dirt and a real field instead of the gym, like we have been playing," said freshmen general business major Megan Donley. "We should be ready to play next Tuesday when we start our season."

UW-Stout ended their spring training with a 5-5 record. The team tried many line-ups throughout the 10 games.

"We never went two games in a row with the same line-up; this shows the talent and depth throughout the team," said junior graphic design major Kim Caswell.

The training in Florida proved to be a good change for the team.

"We left Florida with a greater understanding of what we are capable of and looking forward to a successful season and playing on our new field on campus," said Caswell.

Team members found this time to be productive.

"I think down in Florida compared to being at home was a good change, "said Gorges. "Down in Florida we are together al of the time, on and of the field, bonding and getting to work all of the bugs out."

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Tasha Rosenbrook

The Facts:
Softball
Freshman
Bloomer, WI
Undeclared

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Over spring break, the softball team competed in Florida. One of their first games was against Calvin College. During that game, Tasha Rosenbrook went 4 for 4 and also made a winning double. The game ended with the University of Wisconsin Stout winning 8-7 in only eight innings.

In high school, Rosenbrook aquired many titles and awards including: two-time first-team all-conference and second-team all-conference. She was also named with honorable mention, all-state, most dedicated, most steals, captain award and most valuable player. Her team was the conference and regional champions.

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Water-ski team warms up

Ryan Wessley
The Stoutonia

With the arrival of spring comes the University of Wisconsin-Stout water-ski team, consisting of 35 dedicated members.

While some of the members have chosen to only participate in practices and occasional social events on Lake Menomin, many members travel to the competitive "3 event" (slalom, trick and jump skiing events) tournaments during the fall and spring.

Also a new part of the UW-Stout water-ski team is the emergence of wakeboarding.

The UW-Stout water-ski team has been in existence for six years. The current president of the campus club is Dan Lundt. The cost to join is $50 per semester.

There are also additional costs associated with the club, but are usually minimal.

"The UW-Stout water-ski team, in my opinion, has some of the nicest and most inviting individuals on campus," said Lundt, a junior in buisness management. "We are always teaching people new things and it is really great to see people's skills grow with the club."

The mission of the water-ski club is to allow every student the opportunity to learn how to water-ski. They can also choose to compete in competitive collegiate water-ski tournaments. Competing in tournaments across the Midwest is one of the highlights of being a member of the club. It gives members a chance to travel outside of school and meet new people. Skiing daily on Lake Menomin is another activity they take part in. The team social events and close friendships are something all of the members enjoy.



courtesy of, The water-ski team

The University of Wisconsin Stout water-ski team is excited for the coming of spring and their new season.

"The water-ski team not only offers the great opportunity to learn to ski and increase your skiing ability, but it is also a great way to meet new people and make friends all while having fun," said Nate Birchler, a junior in business management.

The team has some exciting upcoming events.

The State Collegiate J-event and Wakeboard tournament takes place May 3 and 4. The fifth annual Frostbite Figure Eight Barefoot tournament, hosted this year by UW-Stout, will take place May 10 on Lake Menomin. There will be raffle opportunities to win prizes. Concessions will also be available.

Students are encouraged to come watch people glide across the water at speeds of over 40 mph. All of the proceeds wil benefit the UW-Stout water-ski team.

"The past fall was my first semester on the team and it was great; being able to go skiing after classes made school feel more like summer. It was a great way to meet people that just want to have fun on the water" according to Eric Magnuson, a junior in business management.

The UW-Stout water-ski team is open to anyone, from beginners to advanced skiers. Anyone interested in joining should visit http:// wwww.uwstoutwaterski.com.

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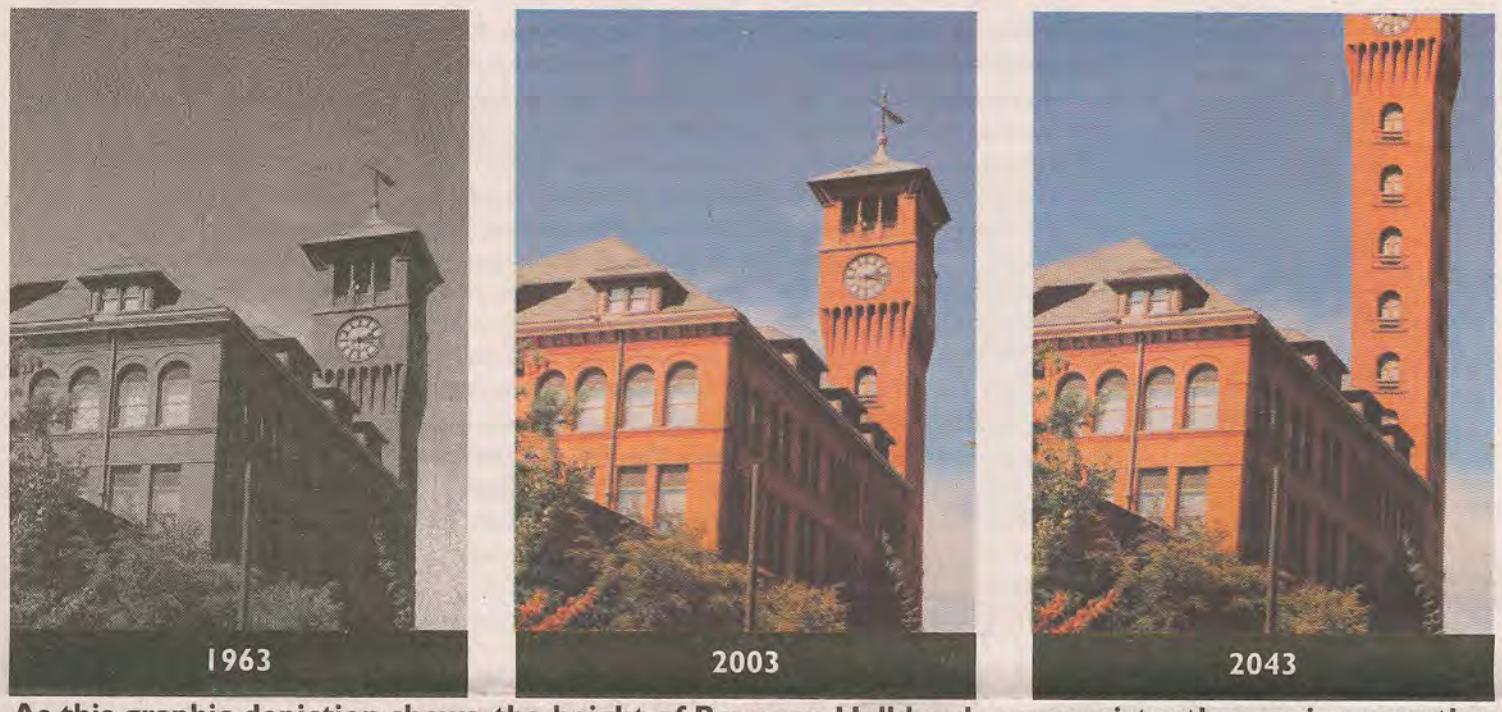
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Bowman Hall continues to grow

Max Power
The Stoutonia



As this graphic depiction shows, the height of Bowman Hall has been consistently growing over the past 40 years and is projected to grow exponentially in the next 40 years.

Eric Winters, a senior engineering major, walked past the gigantic Bowman Hall tower Monday, he passed beneath it's long shadow. He had done this literally hunderds of times in his time at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, but this time was different.

The shadow seemed longer.

"I have been at this school for three years now," said Winters, "and I swear that thing is getting taller."

Surprisingly, Public Relations Director for UW-Stout agrees, Bowman Hall is getting taller, and at an alarming rate.

"There was an old urban legend that every time a virgin graduated from UW-Stout a brick would fall from the Bowman Hall tower," said Enger. "Well, we have seen over the past forty years how fast that tower has fallen."

Physical Plant worker Paul Stevenson agrees.

"We haven't picked up a single brick in forty years," said Stevenson. "In fact, we have noticed we are losing bricks from other buildings which seem to be appearing in the Bowman Hall tower as that grows larger."

Physical Plant workers have measured the change to Bowman Hall tower to be a growth of fifteen feet in the past forty years, including a window.

Chancellor Charles Sorensen spoke on the issue as he addressed the crowd at his campus wide kegger.

"As long as my students are keeping it wrapped up and safe, I'm down for whatever,"said Sorensen. "But I got a feeling with all this alcohol flowing and all the fine ladies here we can make that tower at least eight feet taller this weekend alone."

This clearly irresponsibility to sexuality is troubling to many on the UW-Stout campus and has brought into question just where the Chancellor will draw the line.

"I keep my options open," said Sorensen. "If it's just one fly honey that wants to check out my Intrepid, that's cool. But if there are several who want the Chuckie treatment they might have to form a line."

Sorensen proceeded to throw up what appeared to be gang signs and refer to those around him as "stupid biatches."

Local architect Jane Chavez has another concern though. One that many may have overlooked.

"Many are worried about the rampant sexuality on the Stout campus," said Chavez. "I have another worry though. What happens when this thing gets too tall? It's real funny now, but what do you do with a 400 foot tower?"

That question may seem far away, but as the tower is growing at an exponential rate, it is predicted to grow over 100 feet in the next forty years bringing it's height to over 300 feet.

Only time and a lack of morality will tell how this will develop.

Remedial courses to be offered to faculty

Shirley Shortbus
The Stoutonia

Due to the overwhelming budget cuts imposed by the state, University of Wisconsin-Stout will be calling upon students to teach the upcoming semester.

The university is now relying on student creativity to make it through these times.

"Salaries just cost too much," said UW-Stout Chancellor Charles Sorensen. "With the budget we're allowed there's no way we can pay all of our teachers."

In light of the lost teachers, all students who consider themselves talented in any area are encouraged to apply for a semester's instructing position. There will be no paid salary; however, in exchange for teaching time, students can earn six credits.

"This way we can kill two birds with one stone," said Sorensen. "The six credits can be placed anywhere. They're just like joker cards."

The credits can fill up any general requirement or major-specific requirement. Anywhere your degree needs credits, these can be used. This in turn helps the university by creating smaller class sizes.

"I've already signed up to teach shading with crayons, ART 236," said Fuchsia Pigment, junior in studio art. "Next semester I plan to offer ART 246, coloring between the lines."

Though many teaching positions will be open to students, much of the faculty will still stay in place. Only 10 percent of the instructors at UW-Stout have watched their positions disappear and if anybody is worried about UW-Stout's standings after the budget cuts, they have little to worry about.

"This way our students will learn a variety of skills, which is what UW-Stout is historically known for," said Sorensen.

Other classes on the list to be taught by students are proper candle burning 101, and the art of deeper relaxation 201. Classes such as how to stop driving a car like a moron and gift-wrapping are also on the proposed list.

As students are preparing for registration they must be aware that any of these classes will count as credit toward any requirement. Students are advised to seize this opportunity by taking these student-taught courses when they can't get into the real classes they need.

The main goal of the university is to continue classes as normal, but without the cost restraints. By allowing students to teach their own courses, and thus eliminating the costs of professors, administration feels this is the best way to deal with an impossible situation.

"At a time like this we must put our faith into our very own students," said Sorensen. "We believe they'll pull through for us just in time."

This change in policy has many students excited and ready to broaden their leadership skills in the classroom.

"I'm very excited to begin my course objective," said Pigment. "I just only hope that I can reach even one of my students. If I have done just that, then that is enough for me."

Could it be that UW-Stout is on the road for yet another Baldridge Award?

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War brings out the good in all of us



I'M HIM
Belinda Lewis

Everyone has a respectable opinion, except for perhaps my fellow opinions-writer John. I believe that starting war in Iraq, although violent and expensive, was the right thing to do. Every time the American government breaks an international law, or forces sanctions on a country till thousands of the natives die, I think to myself, "That is as it should be; sometimes you have to keep a couple people down to stay on top."

Even though I try to stay non-violent in my own personal life, when I see bombs on airplanes shipping out to do the unspeakable, I just think of all the terrorists it will kill, and how it will end the hate of Americans in the Middle East. Good thing we are killing them first! Even though there is no direct evidence for the terrorist-Iraq connection (most the folks from 9-11 were Saudi Arabian), they were thinking it. Even here in Wisconsin I know that.

President Bush is righting a wrong of twelve years. Saddam Hussein is so evil there are no limits. When they find his huge stockpile of weapons of mass destruction, the peace protesters will be sorry. Any time he would have crossed the ocean, started a war unprovoked, and forced his rule on us!

When I hear President Bush speak, I know we're doing the right thing. He is such a good man, and he knows about so much evil in the world. I don't understand why special interest groups such as the American people won't listen to him. He has so many creative answers to the problems plaguing our society. As he says, "You're either with us, or with the enemy."

Despite what many say, corporations have no part in this war. Dick Cheney's former company Halliburton's subsidiary was given that contract to put out fires because they had limited choices. Companies who build infrastructure hate rebuilding countries from burning ruble, they have no choice. I know those companies donate heavily to the Republican Party, but they are the right tool for the job. Bomb companies hate making bombs I'm sure, but that is their job, and if we need to pour millions into those companies to remove an evil country from the map, than that is the duty of Mr. Bush.

So, despite what my colleague John Harsdorf has to say, just remember he's a flower-sniffing, left-wing hippie who floats around his world of love and peace, and doesn't know what the real world is. I hope this war gets all the evil out of the world soon, so I can live to vote republican another day.

Let's smoke pot, not Saddam Hussein



I'M HER
John Harsdorf

While I respect the opinions of my fellow writer Belinda Lewis, her conservative slander has really gone too far and it's time for me to put down my bowl and speak the truth. First, I know for a fact that over winter break Belinda and Dick Cheney were in Washington D.C. concocting an evil plan to use their evil capitalistic machine to take over the world. Sure some people say capitalism keeps prices low, grows our economy and provides higher paying jobs, but I say this is just a plot to keep us working for the man.

You know who doesn't have to worry about capitalism? Those lucky Iraqi's; man they sure have had it great. So they've been living in fear of a tyrannical dictator; at least he always made sure everything that they had was state owned. They didn't have to worry about the wait at Applebee's, since all their food was provided by the U.N.! Meanwhile here in Menomonie I'm being forced into paying lower prices for a growing selection of items at my grocery store all because of our evil market system and the evil forces of capitalism.

Now, if Belinda and Cheney get their way to spread this vile idea of free enterprise and independence into Iraq, what will happen to its hard working dictator? Can you really blame Saddam Hussein from trying to protect his nation from capitalism and the distribution of it's wealth through a market system to the Iraqi people? Outrageous! Saddam has every right to the $5 billion he's earned over the years; after all it is not easy to be a dictator of a small Middle Eastern country. If the U.N. would have just stayed off his case he would have eventually gotten around to distributing that humanitarian aid to the people in his country.

Sure, I guess I've seen some pictures of the thousands of tons of wheat arriving in Iraqi ports, and the recently erected pipeline used to distribute water to starving Iraqi's. Seriously though, do the Iraqi's really need all of that food? I've even heard Saddam has plenty of food stored away in his underground bunkers, which I'm sure he had planned on distributing to the people of Iraq, and not himself. I think you can see that all of this is just another Dick Cheney and Belinda Lewis scheme to make a quick buck on this poor unsuspecting dictator by undermining his grocery prices. Bastards!

I hope Belinda and her CEO-loving, war-mongering, SUV-buying, stock-selling friends are happy that this war is happening. To avoid this war, I know I was ok with the oppression of millions of Iraqi citizens. I also understand that ruling Iraq with an iron first does require the use torture chambers, and at times public decapitation. Sure, the punishment for owning a satellite dish in Iraq is execution, and owning a working typewriter is grounds for your wife to be sexually assaulted. Really though, do you really need a satellite dish or a typewriter? I think that to avoid war and preserve peace, overlooking these human rights issues is really in our best interest, and will best express my message of euphoria, peace and love.

So Belinda and you warmongers out there, remember that war has never solved anything, except maybe slavery, our nation's independence, the fall of communist russia, and ending european fascism and nazism. Other than that, war has never really solved anything.



Stop Trying to be Funny

Dear Stupid Editors:

I read the Troutonia (or as I long to call it "The Badly Edited Piece of Crap") on a regular basis so I can keep informed of the bias news you decide to cover each week. I rarely find it interesting but since you are the only source of news, I put up with it.

However, I do have to make one suggestion: Stop trying to be funny. Each week I am disappointed by the incredible lack of professionalism shown by your paper and those that work for you. I wish you would all just grow up and cover the news like a professional paper.

I doubt you will even print this letter, but if you do, at least the students will finally know how horrible you really are.

Signed,

Robert Ward
UW-Stout Student

Dear Mr. Ward:

Thank you for your clearly intelligent letter and your great opinion.

I always have a hard time putting into words what I think of people who know nothing about journalism yet feel the need to critique it.

I guess this sums it up best though:

Shut up.

Nick Toole
Editor-in-Chief

STUDENT LIFE

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Chancellor throws kegger

Fifi Franknfurt
The Troutonia

Next year, the University of Wisconsin-Stout will take notice to the changes on campus due to the $10 million budget cut. Many professors will lose their jobs, classes will be cut and the university will no longer fund many programs.

In the face of this crisis, Provost Robert Sedlak remains optimistic about the next year.

"There will be a subtle transformation on this campus, but I believe that it will not disrupt the flow of student learning," said Sedlak. "We have been working on ways that we can save money, but also ways that we can make money."

Chancellor Charles Sorenson formed a new board that will discuss ways that the university can raise money.

"We discussed all of the generic fundraising ideas like a bake sale or a magazine drive that the whole campus could take part in," said Public Relations Director, John Enger. "All of these ideas were great, but we need an edge to get this whole campus psyched to participate."

With ?? years as Chancellor, the board turned to Sorenson to give them insight on what makes UW-Stout a school that students want to come to. With much hesitation, Sorenson offered an idea that would prove to be a great money-making enterprise.

A campus-wide kegger.

"Now, I know I have been advocating against the underage use of alcohol, but come on, look how much money those house parties make in just one night," said Sorenson. "At five bucks a cup, we can make at least $25,000, and that's being modest."

The campus-wide kegger was held last thursday on Advisement day. The kegs and wap was located between Harvey Hall and the Administration building. The cover charge was $5 to drink, and the university will also offered a munchies table for an extra $5 where students could get chips, chocolate, hot dogs or a hamburger.

The university made a deal with Jim's Riverside and Lammer's to get 600 kegs of Milwaukee's Best and Ice House. These two brands were chosen from a study on the sales of alcohol bought in Menomonie last year.

"I hate the beast, but hey, Chuck was pumpin' the keg himself," said junior in business Justin Hauge. "Although, I was kinda annoyed when he kept filling up the girls first."

Sorenson also offered 200 gallons of wap for the liquor lovers on campus.

"The liquor stores and bars make a huge profit from college students, and it's time that UW-Stout capitalizes off this million dollar business," said Dave Hay, junior in marketing education and director of financial affairs for SSA.

Concerns were raised about the safety of this event and measures were taken to include the campus police in monitoring the party-goers.

"We made sure that everyone that attended this kegger was safe," said Chief-of-Police Lisa Walter. "There was very little disturbance during the event."

Coordinator of the alcohol and Drug Education Program, Allen Ebel was uneasy about the event.

"While I do not stand by the Chancellor on his decision to host this event, we need to at least offer food to the people that plan to drink so some of the alcohol can be absorbed," said Ebel.

Over $30,000 was raised when aproximatly 6000 students and community members showed up last Thursday to show their support for UW-Stout.

For more pictures please turn to page 4.



by Chrispy Critters The Troutonia

Chancellor Sorenson clears out the empty kegs as the beer is quickly drained by the thirsty students.

Live in luxury right on campus

Ivana Neujab
The Troutonia

Imagine sitting on a polar bear rug in front of an electric fireplace. You hear the doorbell and jump up to get your sandwich from the delivery boy. After dinner you sit down in your leather chair and set it to vibrate. You almost fall asleep, but then realize you have a warm king-sized waterbed in your bedroom calling your name.

One hundred University of Wisconsin- Stout students a year will receive this privilege during their college career. Once the new dorms are built on north campus, a selected number of students will get to live in these Ultra-Dorms.



by Jay Bizzel, The Troutonia

Living rooms come fully equipped with luxury sofas for the relaxing pleasure of its patron.

"Our original plans for north campus were fine, but we recently decided to take them one step further," said Scott Griesbach, head of housing and residence life. "We wanted to make something different that would get students excited about UW-Stout and their education here."

In order to reside in these dorms, students must apply and then a team of professors and students will select certain students. Academics, volunteer work and popularity will be the factors that determine who is chosen to live in the new dorms.

"We decided to include popularity as a qualifying factor because we wanted the dorms to get some use," said Griesbach.

The rooms themselves will be approximately ten times the size of the current dorms at the UW-Stout. They will be double rooms with two bedrooms, a bathroom and kitchenette, as well as a living room area.

An electric fireplace, in-wall fish tank, leather furniture, waterbeds, surround sound, heated floors, jacuzzi and a big-screen television will be included in each room.

"The committee spent hours thinking of everything we would want in our own homes and added them to the plan for the new dorms," said Bob Johnson of student life services. "They may seem a little out of our budget, but we think in the end it will all be worth it."

The anticipated result of these dorms is a higher application rate to UW-Stout, more academically sound students, as well as a much more friendly and social campus.

A laundry service located in the basement will come to any room to pick up laundry on the residents' requests, and then return the laundry within five hours.

"We wanted to provide a service to the students so they wouldn't have to worry about doing their own laundry," said Johnson.

Another delivery service for no additional charge,will be a restaurant located in the basement that delivers orders directly to the rooms within a half hour. It will have sandwiches, pizza and a variety of other foods.

"I am amazed that this project was approved," said Skippen MaClasse, a junior majoring in business. "I know I am going to change my major so I have to stay here until they open up."

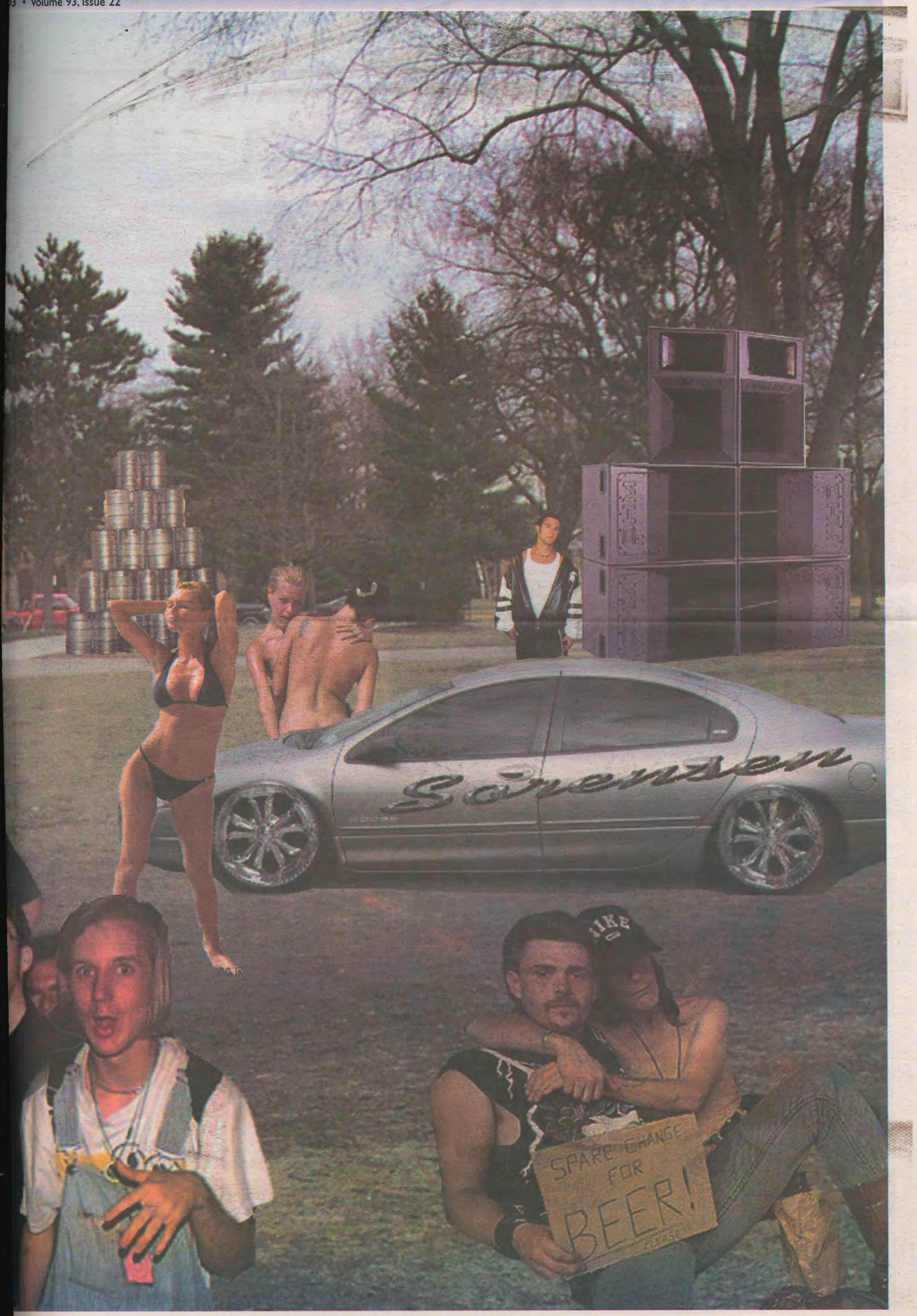
The basement of the hall will also have an indoor swimming pool, sauna, hot tub and gym area for students to use free of charge.

"These dorms sound like they will be the s***!" said Andrea Smith, a freshman majoring in vocational rehabilitation. "I plan to raise my grades and make some more friends as soon as possible."

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Saddam's spring break



Special Reporter
Curt Novowels

What can I say? I went on spring break with Saddam Hussein. And I really enjoyed it. We went right up until his guards got out the tazers, but we'll save that for the end of our story.

So for starters, you might be wondering how a University of Wiscosin-Stout student hooked up with a foreign tyrant. Well I won the Saddam and U! Spring Break 2003! from 99.9 The Carp. I was caller number 69 whatever that means.

Saddam flew me and a couple of friends over to his crib in Baghdad. Once we got past the total body search (I learned of spots I didn't know humans had) Saddam took us out and we cruised down to southern Iraq and found a beach.

It was night once we got there. Saddy (he let me call him that) got very excited and kept muttering something about scuds. He told us to sit on the beach and watch a "fireworks" show.

There were a lot of explosions and a bit of screaming, but I didn't really think it was much of a show. Saddy promised that the next day would be better and boy was he right!



by Curt Novowels, The Troutonia

Curt Novowels enjoyed his spring break with the infamous Saddam Hussien. The dictator gave them a tour of an oil refinery in Iraq (above) and spent much time bonding (left). The crew was getting along famously until Hussien practiced his torture tactics on Novowels (below).





We visited a refinery for the entire next day. It was great. Saddy showed us where the slave labor worked.

I felt really dumb when I asked where they slept. Saddy just looked at me and said, well I couldn't understand what he said, because it was in Iraqian or something, but I think he called me a silly American.

Towards the end of break I think we must have upset Saddam, because he shot my friends. Twice.

He also tortured me for a day, but got sick of it when I started telling my life story. I was barely past kindergarden and he let me go.

Overall it was a great trip. I'll miss my friends, but I'll never forget my time with Saddy.

The 411

Apr. 3 - Apr. 10

Thursday, Apr. 3
- 7 p.m., **Snake Charmer**, Huff's, MSC, Bring your own flute
- 12 a.m., **Garbage Can Races**, MSC basement

Friday, Apr. 4
- 6 p.m., **Bumper Bowling**, Rec Center, MSC, $2 includes shoe rental
- 11:15 a.m., **Martha Stewart**, maximizing your dorm space, 290 HMEC
- 7 p.m., **Crusty the Clown**, balloon animals and more, $5 w/ID

Saturday, Apr. 5
- All Day, **Chancellor Sorenson-sponsored Kegger**, South campus, $5/cup
- 7 p.m., **Famer Joe's Square Dancing Lessons**, Ballroom A, MSC, free
- 9 p.m., **Ding Dong Ditch**, meet at JTC

Sunday, Apr. 6
- 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., **Elephant Rides**, Downtown Menomonie, $2 w/ID
- 11 a.m. - 9 p.m., **Ductape Art**, Furlong Gallery, door prizes awarded hourly
- 12 p.m., **Shuffleboard competition**, MPR, Johnson Fieldhouse

Monday, Apr. 7
National Asparagus Day

Tuesday, Apr. 8
- 6-9 p.m., **Couch Potato Convention**, great way to meet other couch potatoes, Huff's, MSC, free
- 5:30 - 6:30 p.m., **Techie Trivia**, game show for professors, 205 Millennium Hall

Wednesday, Apr. 9
no events scheduled

Thursday, Apr. 10
- 8 p.m., **Simon & Garfunkel**, Bridge over Broadway performance, North Campus walkway, free

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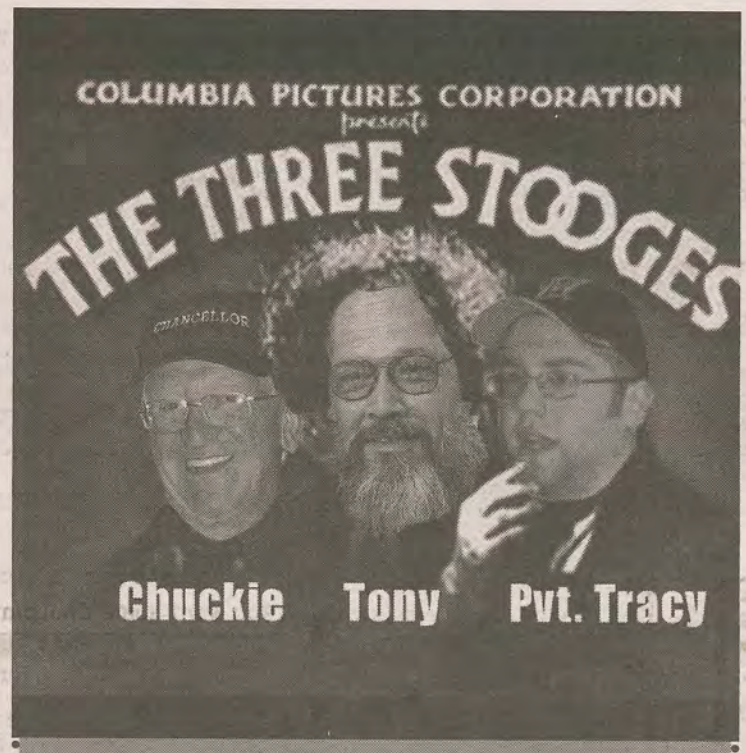
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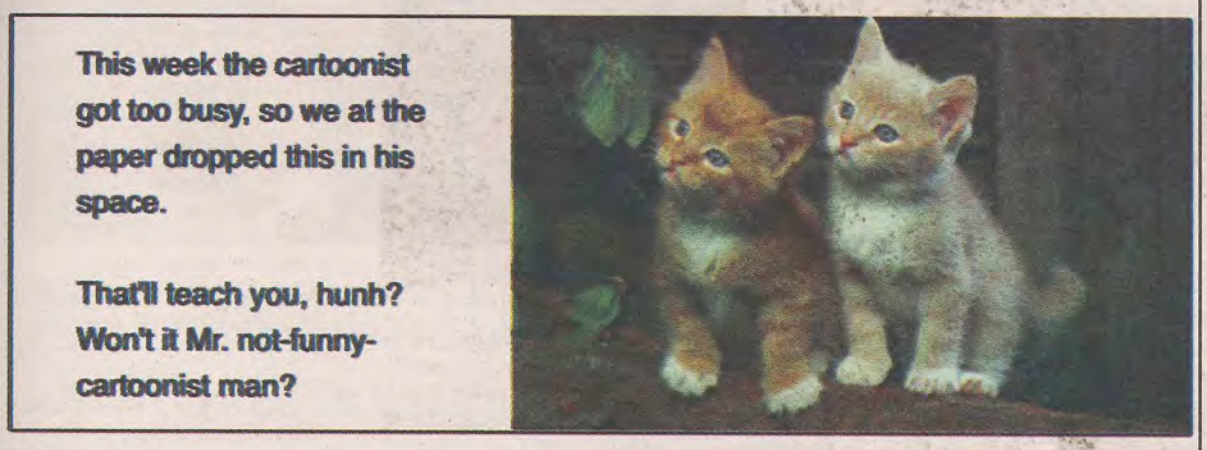
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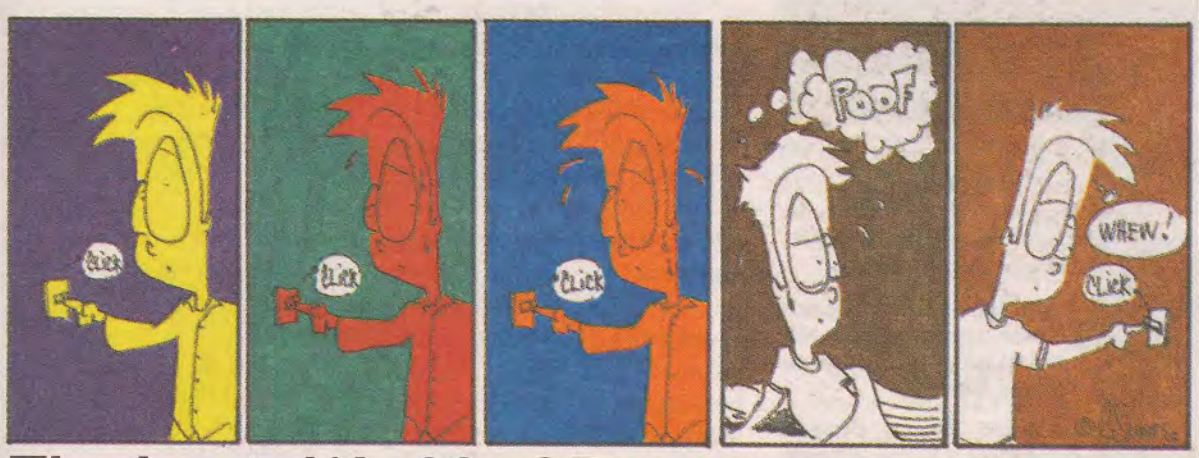
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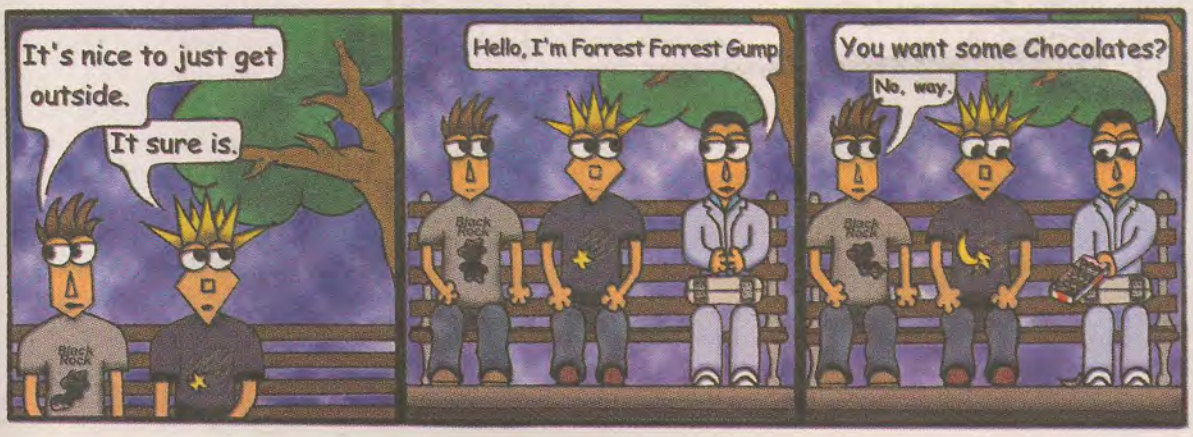
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Welcome new fuzzy mascot

Kenny Chesknee
The Troutonia

Students at the University of Wisconsin - Stout often look around campus and wonder what the school mascot is. Is it the quill? Is it the UW-Stout baseball flame logo, or how about the "S" logo?

Students do not need to wonder any longer; it is officially the UW-Stout Pink Devil. UW-Stout has signed a contract with the Energizer company, and the energizer bunny will now represent the school mascot as the Pink Devil.

"The new mascot is freaky, sexy and tough," said Melissa Bauer, a sophomore in telecommunications. "The new mascot will bring new and exciting blood to the Stout students."

The hot-pink, shade-wearing and drum beating bunny became very appealing to UW-Stout over the past years, and a bid was finally made for the pink bunny to become the new mascot.

Students are ecstatic about the new mascot.

"The Pink Devils is great; it is about time Stout got a mascot that can show our school pride and make other schools jealous," said Brock Nichols, a freshman in applied math. "I can't wait to go out and get my new Pink Devil merchandise."

The Pink Devil will be making its first appearance this weekend as the UW-Stout baseball team hosts University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point.

Students and fans are encouraged to attend this momentous occasion. Pictures can be taken with the new Pink Devil at no charge between every inning, and the Pink Devil has agreed to sign autographs after the game.

The university bookstore will have merchandise available later this week, so please look for posted signs around campus about the items.

The hot item grabbing students' attention is the stuffed Pink Devil. Watch for upcoming information of how to get your very own Pink Devil.

"I am very happy to see a real mascot here at Stout," said Kelly Clipper, a senior in hotel, resturaunt and tourism management. "I have been at Stout for four years, and now I am graduating and now they finally got a real mascot."

UW-Stout students are smiling from ear to ear about this new and unexpected news. It is a great addition to the school and all students should be loud and proud and cheer for the new mascot, the Pink Devil.



courtesy of, http://www.energizer.com

With a tight budget, UW-Stout sold out to Energizer. Now the campus will finally have an powerful mascot.

Devils sports review

Shania Twane
The Troutonia

Bocce Ball

The Blue Devil Bocce Ball team ended their season with a record score of 324-16 defeating the University of Wisconsin - Eau Claire. Leading the Bocce Ball team was Rob "Bocce Boyee" Cycle.

"I have always dreamed of competing at nationals," said Cycle, a sixth year senior, undecided major. "Ever since I started playing the game when I was two, I knew I was destined for... what was I saying."

Cycle lead the Devils to their fifth straight league title, and will represent the Blue Devils at nationals this spring in Wheeler, Wis.

"It's easy when you are in a league with middle schoolers," said Cycle. "I even got a couple of girlfriends this season. Score!"

Croquet

Ryan "Smooth Stick" Giles helped the Blue Devils win the conference crown away from the Blugolds.

"Smooth Stick" and "Bocce Boyee" defeated their arch-rivals the Tiger twins. UW-Eau Claires cloned twins of Tiger Woods. The twins are being looked into by the conference officials.

Lawn Darts

Head coach Khem Isstre lead his team of Blue Darters to the nation championship this past week. The competition was held on his front lawn in a small town in southeastern Minnesota.

"Yeah we did win. I just hope that my lawn grows back," said Isstre.

In other Blue Devil news, the Ping Pong team lost in regionals to Dakota Kid's Krew.



courtesy of, Coach Khem Isstre

Top: UW-Stout croquet legends Ryan "Smooth Stick" Giles (left) and Rob "Bocce Boyee" Cycle.

Left: Lawn Dart Coach Khem Isstre stands with his tri-sport star athelete "Bocce Boyee."

Bottom: "Bocce Boyee" celebrates a game winning throw. His toss landed 3/4 inch from the marker setting a new UW-Stout school record.

Laptop yoga is UW-Stout's newest sport

Garth Brookes
The Troutonia

The University of Wisconsin-Stout has recently implemented Wireless Yoga as a new student activity and may be considering it as a competitive sport.

The Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) is in negotiations with all of its members to make all students get laptops with wireless Internet connections.

After the participating schools have joined, the students will find that most of the so-called wireless connections do not work, or require an additional fee to access the Internet. This is where yoga comes into the equation.

Yoga has been a national craze for the last couple of years. It is used for natural healing, stress relief and a form of meditation. Yoga claims to make people live longer, feel younger and stronger. This is what got co-inventors Matt Schmidt and Josh Guckenberg interested.

"I've always wanted to find a way to meditate in class and watch ladies in tight yoga outfits and get credit for it," says Schmidt. "Someone else should have thought about this a long time ago."

Students can often be seen twisting and turning their bodies in odd ways to get to and from their Internet connection.

Since this activity is such a craze here among the undergraduates, it is just a matter of time before we will be spectators at a Wireless Yoga competition.

"At first I was skeptical about how Wireless Yoga would work and if it would catch on, but now I just think it's awesome," said sophomore co-inventor Josh Guckenberg. "This is definitely not like any other sport that I've ever tried in my lifetime."

The administration at UW-Stout has been pushing for this activity to become "the next big thing" for the past few years. Since freshmen are now required to have laptops as they are accepted, the timing couldn't be better.

"Where is the Wireless Yoga team here?" was the first thing out of potential Blue Devil Sarah Blank's mouth when she toured UW-Stout last week. "I was so impressed with how intense the yoga gets that I just couldn't say no to Stout."

Times are definitely changing in this crazy world today. Will Wireless Yoga take over as the next sports phenomenon? Will we soon be turning on ESPN to watch this mad rush of students trying to get in line for a wireless Internet connection? Only time will tell.

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Student leaders run for office

Amanda Herr
Joel Shaw
The Stoutonia

A shuffling of Stout Student Association (SSA) Senators will be taking place as a result of the upcoming SSA elections and an apparent lack of interest expressed by the University of Wisconsin-Stout student body.

During a scheduled debate held in ballroom C of the student center on April 1, the public gallery was occupied by three students and 12 empty chairs.

The lack of student member involvement was noticeable on the roster of candidates whom all currently hold seats on the SSA senate.

Director of academic affairs, director of diversity, director of financial affairs, director of legislative affairs and president positions are being voted on for the 2003-2004 term.

Wisconsin State Statute 36.09(5) states that students shall organize themselves and select representatives to participate in the governance of their university.

The presidential debate between junior Jeremy Dowd and junior David Hay was focused on methods of getting student members involved.

"I want to let them know they have a voice," said Dowd.

He also said that student transportation should be available at night to ensure the safety of students returning to dorms and apartments.

"Someone's going to get raped," Dowd said

Hay is also determined to make a difference.

"I want to make this organization work for the students," said Hay.

Hay said he would get out there and take information to the students.

The proceedings were mutual admiration endorsements rather than debates. Whether an actual debate occurred is debatable.

Because of SSA's recent involvement in lobbying Wisconsin legislators, the race for director of legislative affairs is front and center.

Juniors Ross Keveles and Kim Monaghan are running for the seat and both emphasized the need for a bond between students and the community.

Monaghan wants to promote student participation in UW-Stout student affairs by empowering freshmen with the opportunity to get involved.

Keveles would like to increase communication between state representatives and UW-Stout students by bringing the representatives on campus to meet with students.

The candidates for the director of academic affairs are Ian DeGraff and Julie Derks.

"I'm running because the position was unapposed," said DeGraff, who is endorsing Derks.

Derks' goal is to create a meaningful teacher evalution form. The results of the annual survey would identify specific professor's teaching styles. Students could then choose classes taught by a professor that matches their learning style.

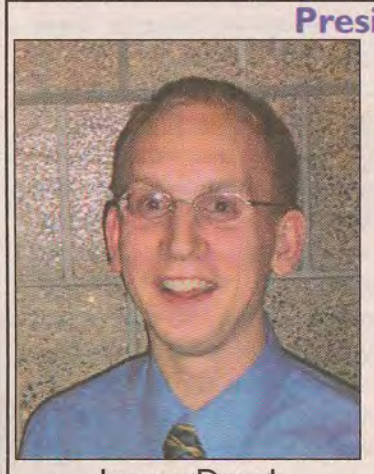
Christopher LaConte and Quentin Lenz, both sophomores, are running for Director of Financial Affairs. That director is responsible for preparing and allocating budgets to student organizations. They manage the distribution of student segregated fees.

"You have to know where you can allocate money," said LaConte.

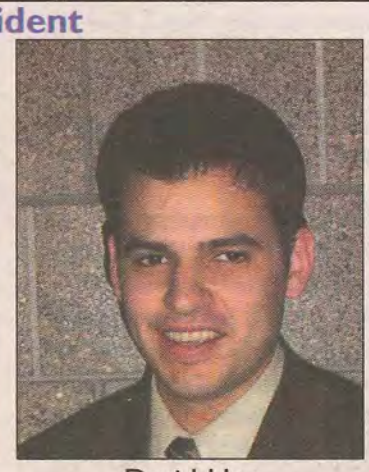
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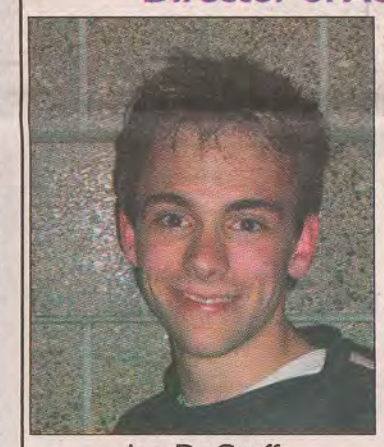


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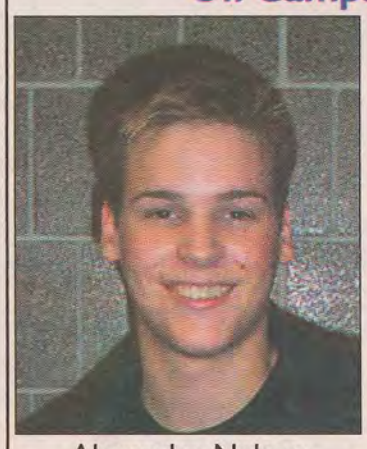


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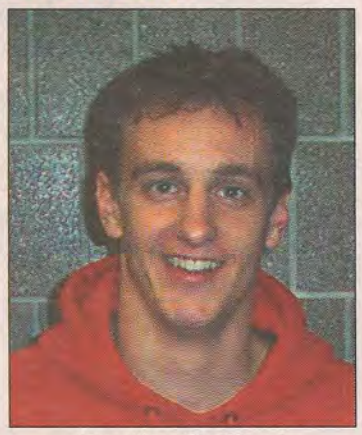


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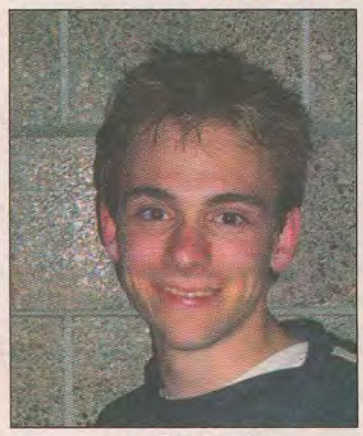


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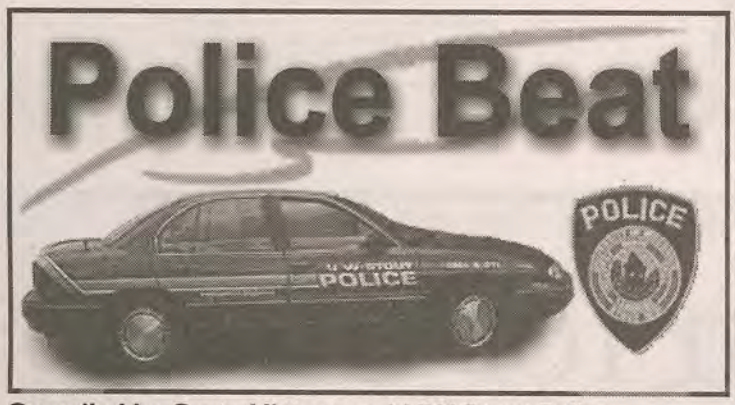
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Weekend Weather

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Stolen laundry
On March 24, a student reported that someone had stolen all of her laundry from the HKMC laundry room. The value of the clothes was estimated at $700. She gave no one permission to remove her clothes from the laundry room.

Broken crab trees
A grounds crew staff member reported on March 27 that someone had damaged two of the flowering crab trees on the east side of HKMC. A branch had been broken off of each tree. The value of each tree is approximately $500.

Dog on the loose
A police officer responded to a report of a dog running at large between Harvey and Bowman Halls on March 28. When the officer arrived, the dog was no longer in the area. Later that day, the dog was seen again by the Home Economics Building. An officer captured the dog and brought it to the Dunn County Humane Society.

Misplaced goals
The Menomonie 911 Dispatch Center notified police of two misplaced soccer goalies on March 29. The goalies were pulled from the Johnson Fieldhouse and put on Third St. East. Officers returned the undamanged goalies to the Johnson Fieldhouse.

"Hay! Stop it!"
Police were contacted on March 30 when students were seen dropping bales of hay on the east side of the Johnson Fieldhouse. Officers talked to the students who said they were setting up signs for the Stout Student Association elections. They had prior approval from the UW-Stout grounds supervisor.

No bikes indoors, please
On March 31 police responded to a report of a bicycle in the Jarvis Hall Technology Wing. The bike was sitting outside room 156. The officer confiscated the bike and left a note in it's place advising the owner of the bike to contact UW-Stout police to retrieve his/her bike. Wisconsin Administrative Code 18.06 prohibits the storage or parking of bicycles in buildings.

Elections/Online voting

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requires a thorough understanding of financial policy papers.

"[This positon] is a perfect fit for me," said Lenz, who is a general business administration major with a passion for numbers.

Both candidates are interested in funding more on campus events.

There are 15 positions open for off campus senators.

Junior Alexander Nelson and sophomore Bradley Stafford have already decided to run for off campus senator seats. No debate was required and the rest of the seats will be filled in the fall.

The director of diversity is responsible for bringing issues of gender, race and religion into focus for UW-Stout students.

DeGraff and junior Jessica Wille are running for this position.

Both candidates emphasized their communication skills and agreed that the university needs to recruit, retain and graduate more students with diverse cultural backgrounds.

In 1998, the University of Wisconsin Board of Regents adopted Plan 2008: Educational Quality Through Racial and Ethnic Diversity. This plan requires all UW schools to develop their own strategic plans for diversity.

Students will be able to vote online on April 8 by going to the E-Scholar portal at http://portal.uwstout.edu/.

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Court case to decide freedom of college press

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

One of America's greatest freedoms is that of expression, which includes freedom of the press. The outcome of a federal court case could give university administrators in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin the right to censor student newspapers and publications.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit in Chicago oversees the three states and heard oral arguments in the case, Hosty v. Carter, in January.

Governors State University (GSU) in University Park, Ill. was sued by three of its student journalists after the school's dean of students, Patricia Carter, told the newspaper's printer to hold future issues until a school administrator had approved its content. The paper, known as the *Innovator*, had published articles and columns that were critical of university administration.

Carter's order to the printer was given despite a GSU policy stating that student newspaper staff "will determine content and format of their respective publications without censorship or advance approval."

Lawyers for GSU argued in January that college newspapers should be censored like high school papers, but only motioned that college papers be reviewed for grammar and spelling, not editorial content.

"Proofreading can be separated from review of content, but that separation has to be maintained," said Donald Downs, an expert on free speech and academic freedom at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "In this case, the authorities appear to have used proofreading as a pretext for content review."

Downs added that if a paper is poorly written, the paper should suffer the consequences.

"Universities are a place for learning," said Darrin Witucki, adviser for Blue Devil Productions, a student expression group at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. "I believe Dean Carter and GSU should be teaching their students, not fighting them in court. If it is truly about spelling and grammar, then teach them spelling and grammar. If it is about content, then discuss that with them and teach them about responsible journalism."

In recent memory, there have only been small disputes between UW-Stout administration and *The Stoutonia*.

"While administration and staff may not always like what is being said, I have not heard of it being shut down or censored in my 25 years affiliated with the university," said Layne Pitt, director of sports information.

As a UW-Stout student, Pitt worked for *The Stoutonia* from 1978-1981 and was later its adviser in the fall of 1994.

According to Downs, a school may legally exercise more control over student newspapers that they own or contribute to financially.

In *The Stoutonia's* case, a portion of the funding comes from student fees, allocated by the Stout Student Association. *The Stoutonia* is a student-owned newspaper.

No information could be found on whether GSU's *Innovator* is privately funded, but even if it wasn't, it has a no interference contract with the school that cannot legally be violated.

A ruling on Hosty v. Carter is expected within the next five months. If the court rules in favor of Carter and universities would have the to power to review student publications before being sent to print, it is not expected that administrators at UW-Stout would exercise that power.

"Having an unfettered student newspaper isn't just good for the students, it's good for the intellectual health of the institution," said John Enger, director of university relations.

The Student Press Law Center is keeping track of developments in this case at http://www.splc.org/.

Information of the 7th Circuit Court can be found at http://www.ca7.uscourts.gov/.



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The 7th Circuit Court, located in Chicago, oversees Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana.

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UW-Stout. Land of the not so perfect.

Attention all students studying art at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. If you are working on a computer project and wish to print in color you will now be required to walk the distance of a city block plus a flight of stairs to pick up your prints.

Ha! April Fools... Oh no, wait, that's actually true.

Has anyone noticed that our college of choice has a number of quirky aspects that are just below the point where they would be considered problems?

Most students have been affected by a parking ticket that just should not have been given, or a professor who asks his students not to bring their laptops to class even though this is a laptop campus. What's the deal? Is the UW-Stout community cursed or are some of these psuedo problems fixable.

One recent attempt to fix a problem on campus was done by the Art and Design department. All of the high end art printers were moved to one location for the conveniece of the students.

No student is going to say that the switch was a bad idea, but what they will do is complain about where the printers were moved to.

All of the computer labs that art students can print from are located on the first floor of Applied Arts or Micheels Hall, and the new printing center is located on the second floor of Applied Arts.

Art students have to be wondering if they are cursed or if the university just wants them to get some exercise.

Students parked in loading zones get parking tickets when they are moving in or out of the dorms. Some unlucky students have been the only ones to get a ticket when a number of cars are temporaily parked in a no parking zone.



"Should I give that next car a ticket? Nah, this one ticket will scare the rest."

When important information is being sent to a student, it goes to his or her home address, not to them on here on campus. This budget mess must be bad: they are trying to save on postage.

Students have a handful of passwords from the university that they need to remember for various reasons. Why?

Is there no way to make students' lives just a bit easier by combining passwords for all of Access Stout, Blackboard and e-mail?

Be careful when putting money into the meters behind the Applied Art building. The meters say they are regulated until 5:00 p.m., but the signs next to them say 4:00 p.m. That's one way to try and recoup some of the money for the budget.

Putting the "student" back in SSA



FARFROMHOME
Nick Coenen

On April 8, we all have the opportunity to change the face of this campus dramatically for the next year. Statistically, less than one in every ten students will decide to guide this change. Not because they don't know how either. Because they don't care.

In the past three years, I have probably written close to ten articles addressing campus apathy. One week it's why we don't care about national news enough, the next week it's about something totally different. Whatever the case, this campus has been labeled apathetic by many others and myself.

However, I don't think apathy can be used as the scapegoat for lower voter turnout. It is easy to dismiss it as simple laziness as well, but I don't think that is fair either. We are all lazy. Unless we are motivated otherwise.

And that is the problem. Since I transferred here as a sophomore, I have watched two Stout Student Association (SSA) elections where many students first heard of the election when they asked "what is this table doing here?"

Despite there being advertisements in this very newspaper and a front page story about it, many will still not know about the elections. And despite the additional work to promote the election races by way of sidewalk chalk, posters, window signs and the ever-creative bales of hay, people will still walk by with blind eyes until April 8.

So who is to blame? Is it really the apathy and laziness of students that keeps an SSA election from being even a close representation of this campus? Or is it SSA themselves who is to blame for not promoting the elections more?

The answer: Yes.

While students are self-absorbed and don't really see the immediate effects SSA has on campus, I find it hard to blame them. Even though voter turnout is consistently low, I don't see SSA doing anything different to encourage growth. Even if they did something that failed, it would be better than nothing.

Granted, anything short of having a two-for-one drink special at the same table as the balloting would probably fail, but we won't know until we try. If the SSA really wants student involvement and really wants to be a respectable representation of the campus, they need to correct this.

Before someone in SSA gets the idea to write a letter to the editor asking how I suggest they change this, I'll answer that for them: I don't know. That's not my job. Many of you get paid more than I do, so you figure it out.

Maybe it would help if people actually knew what you did instead of just being a face on a poster and a name in chalk, people would care.

Until then, I don't blame the campus for not voting. I wouldn't either.

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Letters to the Editor

The right to choose

I respect the right of every American to voice his or her opinion about the events taking place both in Iraq and on the homefront. However, when those opinions reflect basic inaccuracies, we have a problem. Such was the case with Belinda Lewis's Point-Counterpoint article in last week's *Stoutonia*.

In our lives, we are faced with a variety of daily living choices. At lunch, we can CHOOSE to enjoy a salad or eat the fattening, greasy french fry and hamburger combo that, when consumed on a regular basis, will most likely result in heart disease. We can CHOOSE to drink socially and in moderation or to overindulge, get behind the wheel, and potentially harm ourselves or others. These are what we call LIFESTYLE CHOICES. We have the freedom to decide what we eat and how much we drink. Going to work in the morning on September 11, 2001 and not coming home that night because your office building was hit by an airplane piloted by terrorists is NOT a lifestyle choice. And that is why we are pouring so much money and effort into anti-terrorism defense and the conflict in Iraq . . . so that we CAN eat pounds of fatty food and die of heart disease, and we CAN overconsume alcohol, but we do not have to live in fear of getting bombed out of our homes and places of work. While I do not necessarily condone the above mentioned lifestyle choices, I do fully support every American's right to CHOOSE. Thanks for the attempt to really tug at the heartstrings Belinda, but for my part, President Bush is right on track.

Tiffani Calmes
UW-Stout Student

Ms. Calmes

Thank you for writing in and expressing your opinion. Many on campus feel the same way as you, and many do not. As you mentioned, that is their choice and their right.

During this time of conflict it is important to remember what America is fighting for. U.S. men and women are laying down their lives so that we can continue to enjoy our french fries and cheeseburgers, our Wet Wednesday's and Thirsty Thursday's and countless other freedoms.

Thank you for using your freedom of speach by writing in. We appreciate all the letters we receive.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

War? Are we sure there wasn't a better way?



RIGHTHERE
Curt Trnka

No offense George Junior, but your little war sucks. Cue the theme music! Lights! Camera! Embedded reporter! WAR!

Don't get me wrong, I'm all for America kicking the bad guys' butts, and I appreciate my freedom to shoot my mouth off. So I'm all for the defense of our liberties, but was starting a war the only way to defend America?

Call me stupid, old fashioned maybe even naive but I for one would have liked to see the evidence that sent us to war with Iraq. What great unknown intelligence report did President Bush have that forced him to lead us into armed conflict? And don't give me that "But everybody in his family was doing it" line.

This war seems a little too handy to me. Our economy was still falling apart, and the American people were beginning to think, "Are we ever gonna catch that evil Osama?" Then we find out that there is a greater, more familiar evil our country needs to face.

I'm not saying that the war is a direct result of our economy or the failed hunt for a 6'4" Arab, rather I just worry that perhaps war could have been averted.

Now comes the part where everyone tells me that the U.N. did everything in its power to get Saddam to give up. Yup. So I've heard. They seem to have lost their backbone. They are obviously wrong because the only hyperpower this planet has ever seen says they are.

America has risen to the rank of parent in the world. We are the country you don't want mad at you because if you mess up you are SO grounded!

So why is the world's parent going out and picking a fight? Granted the fight is the good fight, and about half the world is glad we are doing it, but is half good enough? With all of the resources America and her allies have, was there no way to avoid a deadly battle between the greatest army in the world and some guys who live in a desert as farmers and family men? (I understand that Saddam also has an empirial guard type of deal with a ton of well trained troops.)

There was no way we could have bought out Saddam's reign? We put him there, and now we can't get him out. He's become the quarter we glued to the floor because it seemed like such a good idea at the time.

America has a policy that forbids us from going around and assassinating the foreign leaders we dislike, but if this situation was that bad, couldn't we have just waived the rule or taken a vote on it? A "check this box if you want Saddam dead" sort of deal.

In an era where we are the world's Papa Smurf, shouldn't we be just as worried about the countries that need our help as the ones that we perceive as threats?

Do you know the percentage of how much money this country spends on it's armed forces compared with helping struggling nations? If you do, please e-mail me, because not only would it have fit perfectly into my article, it will make a great stat in next week's issue.

I would like to point out that I fully support our troops over-seas and hope they can all come home soon. On the other hand, I do not support the some of the government officials currently making the decisions here in our great nation.

Exchange student wants change in the war



FARAWAY
Ann Syrstad

To tell you the truth, I am sick of the war. I just cannot imagine being at home right now because if I could guess, the tension is a lot milder over here. I am studying in Dalkeith Scotland, just six kilometers outside of Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh. I live with 98 other Wisconsin students and faculty members to whom I have grown very close.

When I meet anyone that is not from the United States I usually tell them I am from Canada. I do not lie because I dislike America; it just gets really frustrating when people are constantly asking for my viewpoints on the war and bashing President Bush right in front of me. It is actually somewhat funny because I have made people guess where I am from.

When they guess that I am an American and then I tell them that I am Canadian they get really apologetic and look embarrassed. When that happens it makes me really glad I lied!

Overall, no matter where I travel, people seem to hate President Bush. While in Spain, I was speaking with a Spaniard who had very poor English skills. He tried some English on me and all that he could say was, "Bush is a bastard."

I thought it was funny that he knew that phrase over anything else. From people I have talked to, I have come to the conclusion that people here dislike Bush more than their own Tony Blair.

Because this study abroad program is through the University of Wisconsin system, some of us have kept in touch with our International Program office. Some schools have been better than others in regards to keeping in contact to ensure that we are up-to-date with what is happening aroung the world.

We have had one meeting as an entire group just to discuss what we should and should not do over spring break. They said to avoid places like McDonalds and Hard Rock Café as they are thought to be "American" places to hang out. They also said to try to blend in as much as possible.

They also asked us to leave an exact itinerary of the places we went including contact phone numbers and copies of our passport. I did not have any trouble during spring break, but I was glad I was in Spain.

Many of my friends went to Italy and France and mentioned that there were many rallies and anti-war congregations but nothing specifically against them. There was even a rumor about the universities cutting spring break from our schedule and then sending us home a week early, just in case war was to break out while we are here.

Fortunately, that never happened. I feel safer over here in the United Kingdom than I think I would at home. We do not get television over here, so the only access we have to current events is from talking to people back home and the Internet. On the outside of the castle we live in, there is a large sign stating, "Wisconsin In Scotland." After war broke out, there was another rumor there was going to be an anti-American march in front of the castle.

I think that would be really scary and I hope it never happens. Out of the 80 students here, it seems that almost every day someone is getting an e-mail from a friend or family member, stating that they are being sent away to war. That has probably been the hardest thing for everyone because we do not get a chance to see these people before they leave and end up feeling a wee bit (some Scottish for you) out of the loop.

Regardless, we all think about the war a lot. It is on our minds even though we do not necessarily hear about it quite as much as everyone back home does. Peace!

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Living the college life, after 24

Joel Shaw
The Stoutonia



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

Like many non-traditional students, Jody Slocum (second from left) has returned to school to enhance her resume with a more advanced education. Slocum has studied at UW-Stout for four semesters to learn Spanish.

Merriam-Webster Online defines it:

non : not : other than : reverse of : absence of

tra·di·tion 1 : an inherited, established or customary pattern of thought, action or behavior (as a religious practice or a social custom).

Does this definition correctly describe the non-traditional (non-trad) students here at the University of Wisconsin-Stout? Who are they, why are they here and what makes them non-traditional?

Students are considered non-traditional if they are over the age of 24. Currently, there are 716 non-trads enrolled at UW-Stout in one of two categories: graduate or undergraduate.

Non-trads come from diverse life situations with varying degrees of responsibilities, commitments and experiences apart from normal campus activities. Non-trads are at UW-Stout for the same reasons traditional students are. Non-trads are continuing their educations to achieve meaningful and rewarding careers after graduating.

Some non-trads have returned for graduate degrees, driven by current economic conditions. Bob Heim graduated in 1999 with an adult education degree. Heim has returned to UW-Stout to earn his graduate degree in technical education.

" I have returned mainly due to a layoff and need to expand my resume," Heim said.

Heim is married and has three boys ranging from age two to nine.

Finding time to study and relax is a common dilemma for the non-trad student; however, the expected return on the investment is worth the effort. Angela Beckman has returned to UW- Stout for a degree in interior design, that will complement the family business; a lighting showroom.

Beckman has three children, ages 15 months to 7 years, and commutes from Hayward five days a week. She also works in the family business when possible. When possible…time is fleeting and must be managed well by those who wear many hats.

There are times when a call from the heart must be answered.

"I was a stay-at-home mom until I realized the need and importance of good early childhood education teachers and decided to come back and get my degree," said Teri Adler, mother of three and full-time student for the first time this semester. "I have been at Stout for two years on a very-part-time basis until this semester. Without the great day care offered here at Stout there is no way I could be a full time student."

Adler also finds it difficult to juggle the responsibilities of parent and student.

"Other than scheduling classes to fit my family schedule, I find it very frustrating trying to fit in group work that classes give and expect us to do outside of the class, and I am very frustrated with the library hours," Adler said.

Joe Jax has been the library director at UW-Stout for 20 years and has had to give back funds in the past two years to address the budget lapse.

"We are barely able to keep the library open the 94 hours weekly that we now operate," said Jax.

The library used to be open late on Friday and Saturday, but the attendance did not justify the cost according to Jax. The library closes at 4:30 p.m., on Fridays and Saturdays.

Vocational rehabilitation major Chasen Dowling echos this frustration with group work that requires meeting late in the day. Dowling is a wife and mother working two jobs, carrying 25 credits and commuting 45 minutes one-way to UW-Stout. Scheduling a return trip is difficult for many students and requires additional sacrifice.

"I have to hire a baby-sitter since my husband works second shift and I miss out on precious time with my son," said Dowling.

There is no reluctance to participate. There is difficul-

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Too much war coverage can cause harm

Missy Powell
The Stoutonia

With the array of cable channels the University of Wisconsin-Stout offers, many run continuous coverage on the war.

Are students watching?

According to Amy Siegel, a freshman majoring in psychology, students may be interested in the current events, but they are just not as tuned in. Siegel stated that although her work area features large televisions, CNN isn't the channel that many students are watching.

"It's still on Comedy Central," she said.

Siegel admitted that although the current war developments in Iraq are an important matter, watching the breaking news doesn't make her depressed.

"It affects the moment, but the moment you leave it it's a fleeting thought, not quite the emotional impact."

Siegel added that although the recent war affects her, it's not enough to change her everyday routines.

Youa Thao, an undecided freshman, agrees with Siegel, adding that she doesn't have time so she usually ignores the news.

"I suppose it makes a difference if a member of your family or one of your friends are involved," Thao said.

Siegel said that although a few students seemed to be affected, most people are avoiding the issues.

"They don't dwell on it," she said.

Associate sociology professor Willard Bailey admits that the media can affect a person's mood.

"[The media] affects moods...in many ways," he said, adding that real events can affect the way that people think and feel, especially if they are events that hurt people.

Bailey noted that with an issue such as war, people either become more patriotic or more angry and depressed.

"I think they are starting to tune it out," Baily said.

Jeanne Rothaupt, a counselor at the University Counseling Center feels that although too much media coverage may not affect the general population of students, there may be individual students who experience anything from slight anxiety to depression.

"Personally it has become more of a concern because we are all concerned about this war," Rothaupt said.

Rothaupt added that individual levels of anxiety and depression have risen since 9/11 and there is a possibility that some people could be excessively watch-

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Nine months to college

Stephanie Deshler
The Stoutonia

Most students who are sexually active and even some who aren't, have thought about the possibility of pregnancy at a young age. Whether a student plans on being with his/her sexual partner forever or not, an unplanned pregnancy in college may not be something anyone is ready for.

What would you do if nine months from today you were going to be a parent?

Leah Moss, a junior at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, who is majoring in technical communication deals with the responsibility of having a child everyday. Moss was 17-years-old when she had her son Ethan.

"I was scared," said Moss, remembering her feelings when she first found out she was pregnant. "I had just moved out of my parents house and when I told my father, he told me I couldn't move back home."

Not long after Moss conceived, Ethan's father was sent to jail because of a fight and wasn't released until Ethan was 19 months old.

"I felt totally alone," said Moss. "I dropped out of high school and I was pretty much miserable."

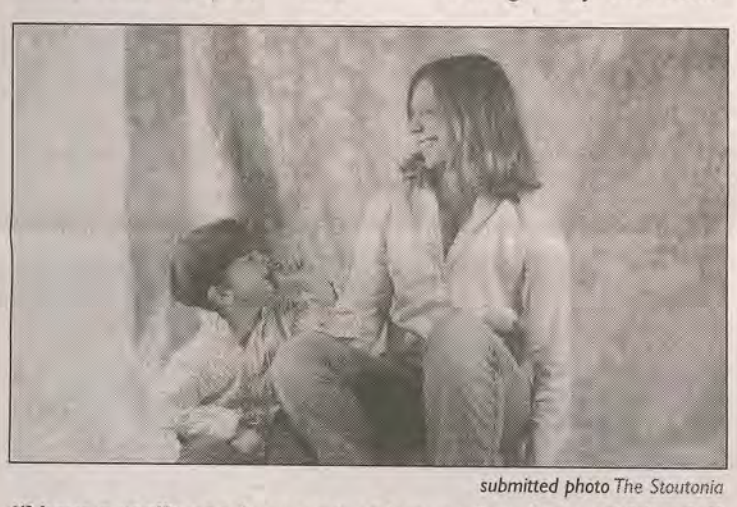
Knowing she wouldn't get anywhere in life without at least a high school diploma, Moss went back to school and got a high school diploma equivalent called the HSED and took her SATs.

"I was working at a job where I was only making $5 an hour," said Moss. "I felt like if I didn't go to college I'd be missing out. I wanted to feel like I somewhat belonged to my age group."

Moss knew that she couldn't support herself and her son off $5 an hour forever. She wanted to improve her life and her son's.

One hurdle Moss has had to overcome is money. Although she lives in subsidized housing, meaning her rent s determined by how much money she makes, she still only gets $30 per week in child support. Being a full-time student, she doesn't have a lot of extra time to work.

"I do get day care assistance for two years," Moss said. "They want mothers to go to technical colleges and not four-year universities, which sucks because it means I have to take out more loans."



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"I have a really good support system and really good friends," said Moss when asked what its like to be a young mother.

Moss also has a really good support system between her mother and her friends.

"I take care of Ethan a lot," said Tracey Comerford, a 31 year-old friend of Moss. "I think it's great she went back to school to help her education and help with supporting Ethan."

Although the UW-Stout day care center would be perfect for Moss to take advantage of, there's a long waiting list and she just can't seem to get into the program.

According to Patty Kettenacker, the secretary at the Child and Family Student Center (UW-Stout's day care service), the center can only accommodate 66 children at one time and those they cannot accommodate get put on a waiting list.

"Waiting lists aren't what people think they are," said Kettenacker. "What we do is hold on to those applications of people we can't accommodate until we get signed contracts for all those who were originally accepted. Then if there's a spot open we contact them. If they don't get in we dump the list because everybody has to reapply each semester. The next application process starts April 1."

Finances aren't the only thing a young mother should be thinking about. According to an online magazine, About Teen Parenting, delaying childbearing until after 20 or 21-years-old can reduce serious health risks in both mother and child, the likelihood of poverty in children and parents and financial burden on society.



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Ethan grins from ear to ear as he sits on the toilet showing his mom that he's a big boy.

"Life is tough," Moss said. "I don't feel like I fit in. Most students think about what they're going to do at night, but I have to rush back to Chippewa, pick up my son from day care, drive back home, make dinner, give him a bath and put him to bed. Then there's homework time and time for myself."

At the same age as a traditional college student, Moss doesn't know what the life of a traditional student is like.

"I have no idea what dorm life is like," said Moss. "I don't know what it's like to have a graduation party, or what it's like to just walk across the street from home to class. I have to leave about an hour ahead of my scheduled class time."

Life is tough for Moss, but she seems to be handling it well, according to her friends.

"I think she's doing really good," said Comerford. "I think she balances her homework and taking care of her child at the same time."

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ing media coverage having to do with the war in Iraq.

"Excessive watching can have an affect on one's goals (relationship and academic wise)," she said.

The main goal Rothaupt added is to be able to balance the rational and emotional aspects of things.

Students experiencing what is known as secondary trauma may be afflicted with nightmares or have heightened anxiety. According to Rothaupt, symptoms of anxiety may include numbness, dizziness, a racing heart, a nervous feeling, trembling and difficulty breathing.

Rothaupt suggests students who feel anxious while watching media coverage of the war should turn off the television.

They can increase their sensory experiences by walking or exercising, writing in a journal or doing some art, increasing spirituality or just talking about it with friends or a support group.

"The counseling center is a free service here to increase the coping levels," Rothaupt said.

Rothaupt also added that there will be a support group on Tuesdays from 12:30-2:00 in 425 Bowman Hall for family and friends dealing with the deployment of a soldier.

Rothaupt, Bailey, Siegel, and Thao all agreed that the way students on the UW Stout campus were dealing with the war in Iraq were on individual levels.

Thao's advice for those struggling was simple.

"Have hope," she said.

"My foiled April fools prank"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

I can't lie.

My face turns a bright shade of crimson, I stutter and I don't know when to stop.

This year April 1 snuck up on me once more and I was unprepared. I had no plan of attack on my gullible friends.

My roommate, Heather Sodemann is known by most as a drama queen. Every event in her life is monumental.

I found my victim.

I came up with a seemingly flawless plan to freak her out. I was called cruel by everyone I told, and then they asked me if they could get in on the hoax.

I would have someone call the room posing as an American Edge realtor and explain to my Heather that our house for next year will not be available. There was a problem with how the foundation was built three years ago and this structural defect is a liability for the company and needs to be torn down. The destruction of the duplex will take place this summer, causing American Edge to break our contract.

The realtor would then explain the other properties they have left in very nice locations located about five miles off campus.

I was certain this would send my roommate running down halls screaming for me and our other roommates. My roommates voice carries even in a whisper, so I was sure I would hear it anywhere on campus.

When it was time to execute no-place-to-live I asked Nick "King of Sarcasm" Coenen to be the bad news realtor.

I stood just outside our door as Heather heard about our house for next year. When I heard her hang up the phone, I disappeared to the bathroom. Heather screams for me; I wipe the grin from my face and asks"what's wrong?"

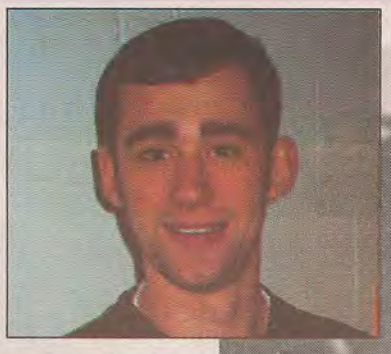
I underestimated my roommate.

She saw through Nick's lies and recognized his voice. I tried to convince her it couldn't be a joke, but my inability to lie gave away the fallacy great prank.

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Campus Slant

If you could pick a new editor-in-chief for *The Stoutonia* who would it be?



"Jorge for his deliberate way of using the English language."
~Ryan Tichenor,
jr., business administration

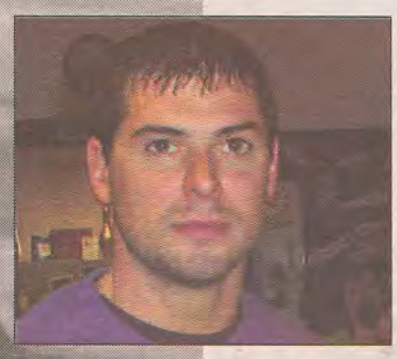


"Jay Fish."
~Leah Schmidt
soph., retail



"Bernie Mac."
~Morgan Nicholls
soph., general business

"Chancellor Sorenson, for his such great ideas."
~Adam Stark
sr., business administration



Next Week:

What do you think of elephants?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

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ty with fitting it all into a 24-hour time period.

Joann Deml is the current non-traditional student advisor. She said that the non-trad student usually keeps a low extra-curricular profile due to hectic lives and schedules.

"Regardless of this, the vast majority does a tremendous job in accomplishing a great academic record," Deml said.

Non-traditional students bring valuable real-life experiences to the classroom and share them freely with those willing to listen. Psychology major Bob Geving finds it easy to get along with the younger students but realizes that his audience is not always listening.

"It does take some getting used to though, when they disregard your advice so regularly," Geving said.

There is anxiety associated with returning to campus life after several years. One of the looming questions is: How will I blend in? After an adjustment period the non-trad, like any other student, establishes their niche and realizes that all is well.

"After being here a year, I can tell you that I don't mind being around younger people at all in fact, I find it rather refreshing," a sophomore in the psychology major Kelly Droege said.

Non-traditional students agree that their experiences are positive and rewarding.

"Being non-trad is a hoot," said technology education major Wayne Kroeplin.

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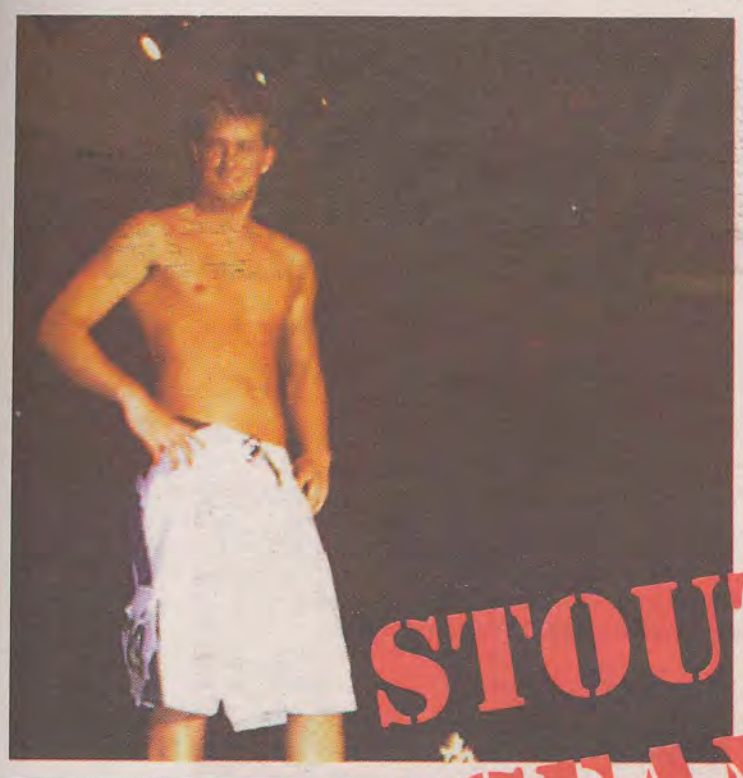
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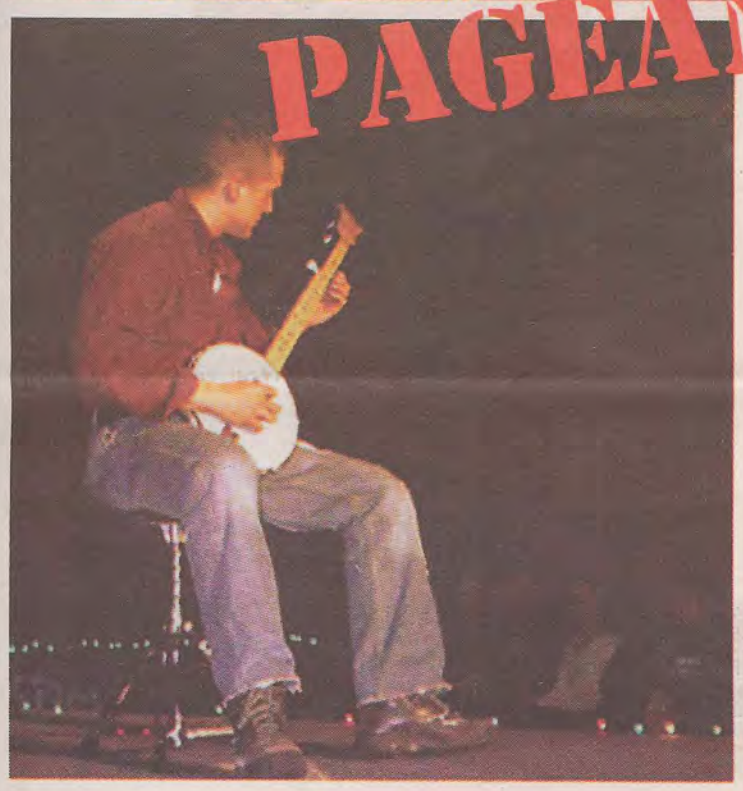
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STOUTMAN PAGEANT 2003

I'm too sexy for my school

Krystle Williams
The Stoutonia

Nine contestants battled it out for the title of Stoutman in the Great Hall at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Student Center on Tuesday, Mar. 25.

The men competed in the categories of formal wear, question and answer, swim wear and talent – but why?

"For the fun of it, to support Delta Zeta, and I like meeting people," said Barry Hewitt a senior majoring in hospitality and tourism.

Hewitt was one of the nine contestants competing for one of three prizes. Third place was $50, second place was $100 and first place was $150.

But surprisingly, he and the other contestants were more interested in having a good time than winning the prize money.

"I couldn't resist the opportunity to stand half naked in a room full of gorgeous women," said Chad Thomas Stuart, a junior construction major and the first place winner for the night.

And that wasn't even the best part of being involved in the pageant, according to Stuart.

"The best part had to be the swimsuit portion," said Stuart. "The screaming, the whistling...every girl undressing me with her eyes...a fantasy come true. It still brings a smile to my face."

So what was the worst thing?

"The worst thing was finding out that there wouldn't be a Stoutwoman Pageant," said Joseph Wiesneski, a freshman majoring in technology education and the third place winner in the pageant.

No Stoutwoman pageant? Why not?

"I think that a women's pageant would get more guys [to come], but I don't know how controversial that would be with the people of Stout," said Stephanie Hennick a freshman majoring in business and the pageant director for Delta Zeta.

For now, UW-Stout will just have to stick with the women observing the men in future Stoutman competitions, but who knows? There may be a female pageant on its way.

Tony Schlemm, a judge for the night and clerical assistant in the Registration and Records office by day, agreed that the Stoutman Pageant was a good idea.

"I think a lot of things students do are good ideas," Schlemm said.

So what was Schlemm looking for in this year's winner?

"I could be looking for bribes," Schlemm said with a smile.

According to Hennick the judges were chosen based on their personal interests.

"For example, one was a speech teacher who would relate to the questionnaire portion," Hennick said.

Hennick also explained that the other two were involved with the students on campus and enjoyed being a part of the pageant.

So what are the guys going to do with their money?

"I'd like to find an intriguing woman to wine and dine for a night; know of anyone?" asked Wiesneski.

The 411

Apr. 3 - Apr. 10

Thursday, Apr. 3
• 8 p.m., **Claire Stone & Marc Ballini**, acoustic music, Heritage Cafe

Friday, Apr. 4
• 6 p.m.- 9 p.m., **African Drum & Dance workshop**, Johnson Fieldhouse, free

• 7 p.m., **Under the Sea with Silly Jellyfish**, puppetry, dance & song, Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater, adults $10/ students $9/ kids $6

•7:30 p.m., **Laura Fuentes y Calicanto**, Great Hall, $5 students/$10 public

Saturday, Apr. 5
• 10 a.m.-1:30 p.m., **African Drum & Dance workshop**, Johnson Fieldhouse, free

• 5 p.m.-7 p.m., **Blue Collar art exhibit opening**, Furlong Gallery

Sunday, Apr. 6
Daylight Savings Time Begins: Spring Ahead

• 12 p.m., Baseball vs. Steven's Point

• 7 p.m., **Dragapalooza** '03, Great Hall, free

Monday, Apr. 7
• 11 a.m.-2 p.m., **Live Homosexual Acts**, MSC

• 4 p.m., **Long Shot Motion Commotion**, outside Applied Arts

• 6 p.m., **Jim Erdman**, Alternative Energy, Ballroom B, MSC, free

• 7 p.m., **Closely Watched Trains**, Great Hall, free

Tuesday, Apr. 8
• 7 p.m.- 9 p.m, **Safe Space**, HKMC basement

• 8 p.m., **Kid Dakota & Annika Bently**, indy music, Heritage Café, $2.50/$5 public

Wednesday, Apr. 9
• 7:30 p.m., **The Sky is Falling: Or is it?**, Anita Cochran Astronomer, Great Hall, free

• 8 p.m., **Eric O' Shea**, comedian, Heritage Café, $2.50 students/$5 public

Thursday, Apr. 10
• 8 p.m., **Faculty/Staff Open Mic Night**, Heritage Café, free

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to Belinda @ Stoutonia or lewisb@uwstout.edu

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Big mouths, big consequences

Kim Hauschildt
The Stoutonia

During this time of war, what people say to others has to be carefully worded to avoid confrontation.

Some people in the public eye have taken it upon themselves to use their amendment rights and speak out against or for the war. Those who are voicing opinions against the war are not always getting a kind response in return.



Courtesy of: www.news.com
Michael Moore spoke his mind at the Academy Awards and was received with boos from the audience.

The 75th Annual Academy Awards still occurred despite the outbreak of war, although under specific limitations.

The bleachers that usually surround the Kodak Theater around the famous red carpet were taken out because actors felt there should be a somber rather than a celebratory mood that usually comes with seeing the famous arrive.

Interviewers and cameras were not allowed on the red carpet, and only a few cameras were allowed down on the ground level. The Academy also asked participants of the evening to keep a low profile about the war and to keep comments at a peaceful level.

Things were going smoothly and comments about the war remained peaceful.

Then came the Award for Documentary Film.

Michael Moore won for his film "Bowling for Columbine," which explored gun violence in America. Moore took the stage as the theater gave him a standing ovation, he decided to tell America how he felt about the war.

"We live in a time where we have a man who's sending us to war for fictitious reasons...we are against this war, Mr. Bush...Shame on you, Mr. Bush, shame on you," stated Moore.

Suddenly, as quickly as the audience stood and clapped with smiles, they sat and began to boo and yell for him to get off the stage.

Many famous actors, such as Harrison Ford and Denzel Washington, sat in awe as Moore continued.

The microphone was swiftly taken away and music drowned out the director. When he was questioned backstage about what was said, he stated that he was an American and that's a lot.

Moore isn't the only one who has taken criticism over the last few weeks about the issue of war.

Natalie Maines of the Dixie Chicks made a statement about Commander In Chief, George W. Bush.



Courtesy of: www.fmlegacy.com
Dixie Chicks' Natalie Maines made comments about President Bush at a concert in Europe.

At a concert in Europe Maines stated she was embarrassed that George W. Bush was from Texas. It spread like wildfire and many took action to display their anger about her statement.

Many radio stations across the United States temporarily banned all Dixie Chicks' songs from their airwaves in protest. Using a 33,000 pound tractor to obliterate compact discs and other items with reference to the Dixie Chicks, a few hundred protesters in Bossier City, La., the protesters lashed back at Natalie Maines and refer to themselves as backers of U.S. President George Bush and Barksdale Air Force Base.

Despite Natalie Maines' written apology to President Bush, the radio boycott knocked the Dixie Chicks from the top of the country singles Billboard chart.

The Chicks' "Travelin' Soldier" topped the singles chart on Mar. 10, the date Maines made her remark during a London concert.

On the latest chart, the track has completely fallen off the Billboard Top 20, after logging a 15 percent weekly decrease since. However, "Travelin' Soldier" still remains at number four on Country Music Television's "Top Twenty Countdown." Sales still seem to be doing well for the Dixie Chicks, with their CD "Home" sitting at number two for top ten country album sales.

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Offensive statements



MYVIEW
Janelle Klander

As many students packed their suitcases for warm climates like Florida or Mexico, I contemplated whether or not to bring mittens to my spring break destination.

For the second year in a row I made the trek north for my vacation to Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada.

Although the typical weather is much colder in Canada, it is a great place for young students to travel cheaply and drink legally.

Even though I visited the same place both years, the two vacations were very different experiences.

Last year there were American flags everywhere I turned, along with signs and murals supporting our country after the attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

This year there wasn't the support and reassurance I had previously received.



There were angry protesters against the war on Iraq rallying in the city.

I was almost hesitant to discuss the war with the Canadian citizens. I soon found they didn't all have angry feelings toward Americans, but there were enough that did to leave an impression on me.

A few nights after the war had begun I was leaving a nightclub with the rush of people when a young man screamed out "I hate Americans!"

I thought Canada was an American ally and would support our country, but I wasn't feeling as though this was the case.





Courtesy of: canada.com, cbs.com

War protesters have been seen around the world spreading their political messages. Even our Canadian neighbors have spoken out against the position America has taken regarding the war in Iraq.

But what I believe to be the most offensive incident occurred on Thursday, Mar. 20.

As the United States' National Anthem rang out at a Montreal Canadiens hockey game, a few members of the crowd booed. It only lasted for a few lines of our nation's song, but it made a huge statement.

I was extremely offended by the actions of these Canadian citizens, but I will not hold the country responsible.

> "Even though I visited the same place both years, the two vacations were very different experiences."

As I left the city of Winnipeg I spotted a mural containing both Canadian and American flags that read "United We Stand." After all the events I had witnessed on my vacation, it was difficult to not think of the rest of the saying, "Divided We Fall."

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G'day everyone! I hope everyone's spring break was cruisy (meaning cool here in Aussie land), and I heard the weather is worth smiling about lately as well. Right now in Lismore the weather is cooling as we orbit into the fall season. We have also been getting steady doses of rain, which have successfully reduced our level 5 drought and increased the barragement of mosquitoes!

School is just getting warmed up and my first assignment is due this Friday. The typical semester syllabus usually contains an estimated two to three papers that compose your entire grade for the semester. That's it. No daily homework, almost no given tests and no busy work, just a few papers and maybe a class presentation.

Of course, these papers have to be welded sturdily enough to score well, and if taking tests is more to one's strong suit, then this would be a great opportunity to work on weaker assets.

All in all, what's remembered most from this experience so far has been the beautiful landscape, friendly locals, newfound friends and worldly independence.

Two weeks ago I had the privilege of travelling north to visit Surfer's Paradise on the Gold Coast. It was a beautiful town, touristy at heart, but if you looked east, no amount of tourism can take your breath away like a view of the ocean.

The nightclubs were groovin' and the hostels fairly priced. Another prime spot closer to Lismore is Byron Bay. This beach is the easiest to travel to and the most beautiful I've seen yet. Plus it's not touristy compared to other places which makes the view of the sky at night even more breath taking.

One can see every star in the sky, with the moon shimmering reflections off of the water. Sometimes this land makes me feel better than being at home. Sometimes I feel like I never want to come home.

With the sound of the ocean tide breathing and hissing in one's ear and the moon and stars shining down from above who would want to leave for home?

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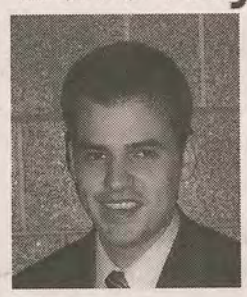
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I would make it the mission of SSA to insure all students' voices are heard and the view of the student government is identical through the views of the student body.

Dave Hay

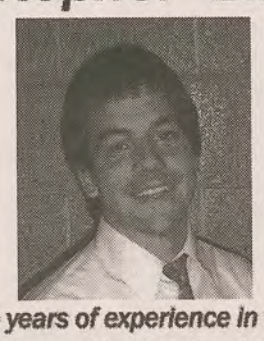


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Director of Financial Affairs

Christopher LaConte



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Quentin Lenz



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Kimberly H. Monaghan



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Director of Academic Affairs

Ian DeGraff



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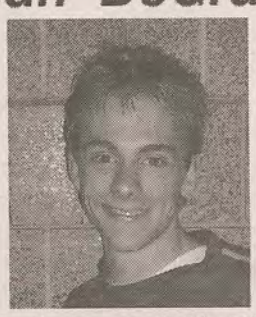
Julia Derks



This year I worked with several senate members to organize a survey for students to use to simplify their class selection process by providing information on professors' teaching styles.

Director of Diversity

Ian DeGraff



I pledge to Begin Accomplishing the Chancellors goal of mainstreaming diversity andfurther work on plan 2008 in attracting diverse students and faculty.

Jessica Wille



Through my four years here, I have met a diverse group of people. Everyone needs a voice on campus, and I would liketo be that voice by makeing diversity more mainsteam in Stout culture.

Vote Online Tuesday April 8th https://portal.uwstout.edu/

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Stout Adventures camps out

Becky Hartung
The Stoutonia



Courtesy of, http://www.uwstout.edu/univrec/outrec.htm

Despite being in the desert, campers who went on the Stout Adventures camping trip encountered snow.

March 13

In two days I leave with Stout Adventures for the Grand Gulch primitive area. The 24-hour trek to Utah should give the 12 of us plenty of time to get acquainted. My body feels great; I can conquer the world.

March 15

5:20 a.m. Crap! Six of us overslept; we're running around the house like idiots trying to gather our stuff.

8:35 a.m. The van pulling the trailer can only go 150 miles on one tank of gas. It's going to take us forever to get there.

March 16

7:00 a.m. We slept under tarps last night; some people got wet when it rained.

Afternoon:We've arrived in Moab. Even though it poured, the hike through Arches National Park was beautiful. At times, we were walking on top of the world. Crap! My camera just died.

Night: I can't believe I'm in the frickin desert and I'm getting snowed on. It's so darn cold - I'd definitely sleep at a hotel if I had my choice.

March 17

7:00 a.m. Everything's soaked. Maybe it's 30 degrees? This sucks. My oatmeal better be good.

4:00 p.m. Our campsite is as good as the Hilton. We're in a natural amphitheater and have beds made of luxurious sand. All of our clothes will dry; we are warm and happy.

9:00 p.m. The girls are learning what it's like to dig personal toilets. I'm still not very good at getting the wet parts of my toilet paper to burn.

March 18

7:00 a.m. My orthopedic surgeon lied. My tendonitis is back; I'll wrap my knee in an ace bandage.

9:30 a.m. Can't find a water source; people don't seem to care though.

10:00 a.m. Saw some cool Anasazi ruins. Wish my camera worked.

1:30 p.m. Thank goodness for finding water!

4:30 p.m. We are all sore and tired. Time for yoga!

5:30 p.m. Ahhhh. Much better.

9:45 p.m. It's dark outside. Time for bed.

March 19

7:00 a.m. Oh crap! My calf is the size of my thigh, seriously. No more leaving ace bandages on at night.

9:30 a.m. I'm stuck elevating my leg while everyone else enjoys meditating on top of cliffs or exploring Indian ruins.

6:00 p.m. Whew. Had to walk an extra hour and half; the boys wanted a nicer campsite.

9:00 p.m. Everyone's gathering around the candles. It's amazing how well the group gets along.

March 20

11:00 a.m. Bumped into a group from the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. They are the first people we've seen out here; it's a small world.

2:00 p.m. It's wonderful to have nice people willing to walk my slower, gimp-like pace.

2:30 p.m. Funny: all we care about is food, shelter, and staying warm. For all we know, the world's at war.

5:00 p.m. I'm sick of babying my knee. I'm out here, so I might as well scale a canyon.

6:30 p.m. The pain was worth the view.

6:45 p.m. The boys accidentally doubled the water for the mashed potatoes. I'm eating mush for dinner, but am pleased to be full.

9:30 p.m. Wintergreen Lifesavers really do spark when you chew them.

March 21

1:00 p.m. We're finally out of the desert. Ironic, we went to war yesterday . . .

3:30 p.m. My first shower all week. Got to love a real campground!

6:00 p.m. Am sick of people. Will enjoy alone time in the hot tub.

8:00 p.m. Showered again, just because I could.

March 22

9:00 a.m. Breakfast at Burger King. I can't wait to have real food.

9:30 a.m. Am getting excited about returning to work. Is that normal?

5:30 p.m. Wisconsin should raise the speed limit to 75 mph.

9:30 p.m. Dinner at Perkins is almost real food.

March 23

6:00 a.m. What state did we just sleep in?

Noon: Don't mind listening to different music, but want to punch the people who are purposely singing off key.

Evening: It's wonderful to be home. It wasn't the best vacation of my life, but I wouldn't have wanted to be anywhere else. Backpacking gives you a special glimpse of life; it's quite an experience. If only my camera had worked . . .

Boxing club starts off new season

Ryan Wessley
The Stoutonia

The University of Wisconsin-Stout boxing club has 25 members, half of which train for bouts and tournaments, while the other half take advantage of outstanding physical fitness.

In Boxing, there are no formal tournaments planned. Boxers train for a specific date and tournament they want to fight in. Some boxers train up to a year or more, but if they are dedicated and hard-working they will reach their goal.

Boxing club member Bobby Berg only trained a few short months, with no formal knowledge or experience. Berg worked hard for three months before he won a Wisconsin novice tournament, which crowned him heavyweight champion for his division.

There is no cost to join the club. Most dedicated members eventually purchase their own gloves, hand-wraps and mouthguards. Equipment can be ordered, through the club at a cost of about $50.

"Most people who think about boxing are intimidated to give it a try due to the seemingly barbaric nature of the sport," said Justin Teske, a junior in hotel, restaurant and tourism management. "In our club, there is no pressure to spar or fight if you do not want to. Skills are honed and developed before I'll even let you step in the ring. It's a great challenge and a great experience for anybody."

The mission of the club is to stimulate interest in the sport of boxing, and to increase physical fitness, knowledge and skill level. Many students join for reasons of benefiting and participating in the UW-Stout and Menomonie communities.

"It's the best workout you can ever get," said Chris Roussea-Villella. "I love the competition and it's a great way to release aggression; plus, it's free."

Members competing in tournaments or bouts end up taking pride in the skills learned and the time put into the sport. Social events and bonds developed are strengthened greatly by the respect between two boxers.



courtesy of, the Boxing Club

The boxing club is anticipating a strong team this season with new recruits.

On April 4 president Teske is in a single bout in the Anoka civic center. April 25-26 Teske is competing in a tournament in St. Cloud, Minn. Teske is also taking on a single bout May 10 in the twin cities area. Berg will be competing in an Upper Midwest tournament late April.

"Boxing is really cool because it empowers women, and it really lets me relieve stress. It's a great workout," said Karissa Gorman.

All students are invited and encouraged to give the boxing club a try. Boxing is not for everyone, but one may be surprised by the amount of people who don't know anything about boxing, but later on develop a strong passion for the sport. If interested in becoming a member, contact club president Teske at teskej@uwstout.edu or call 231-4256 for meeting times and information.

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Weekly review

Ryan Wessley
The Stoutonia



courtesy of, sports information

The UW-Stout's softball team started off on the wrong foot, but is looking forward to a successful season.

Baseball

By the skin of their teeth, the UW-Stout baseball team picked up their first win of the season as they downed Upper Iowa University 5-4 in the second game of a double header. Earlier, the Blue Devils allowed four runs in the bottom of the seventh to lose 4-3 on Saturday, March 29 in Fayette, Iowa.

In an afternoon slugfest, UW-Stout fell 20-12 to Wartburg College on Sunday, March 30 in Waverly, Iowa. UW-Stout pounded out 16 hits, but surrendered 26 hits in the nine-inning contest. Wartburg (15-4-1) scored three runs in the first, but UW-Stout took the lead with two runs in the second and three in the third. Wartburg pounded out six runs in the third and never trailed after that.

Softball

UW-Stout could not solve St. Scholastica pitcher Laura Heise as the Blue Devils lost both ends of a home season opening doubleheader 4-2 and 2-1 on Tuesday, April 1 at Wakanda Park.

Heise racked up 12 strikeouts in the first game and got the game winning hit, then came back for 10 strikeouts in the nightcap. The Blue Devils (7-7) led in both games, but the Saints (13-8) came up with rally innings for the wins.

Blue Devil Athletes

More than 1,700 food items were collected by UW-Stout student/athletes as part of a food drive sponsored by the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) and Ministry Health Care.

The UW-Stout Student/Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) spearheaded the drive which began in February. According to SAAC president Casey Otto, all items were donated to the Interfaith Volunteers food pantry in Menomonie that serves all of Dunn County.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week

Cassie Johnston



The Facts:
Gymnastics
Freshman
Albertville, MN
Undeclared

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Freshman Cassie Johnston of Albertville, Minn. earned All-America honors at the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) Championships Saturday, March 29 at UW-Eau Claire.

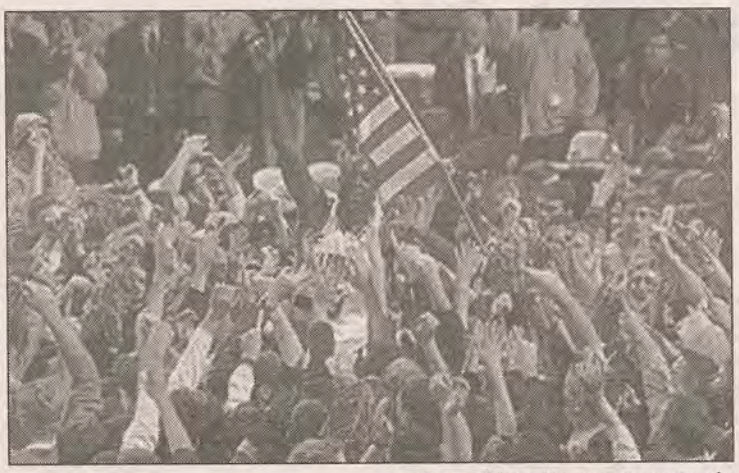
Johnston finished 4th on the balance beam, scoring 9.475 to bring her two-day total to 18.975. Johnston just missed out on honors on the floor exercise, placing in a tie for 7th. She scored 9.425 for a total of 19.07

In high school, Johnston's team was the conference champion. She was the team captain and received the MVP award. She also set all school records and was named the most inspirational team member.

In her free time, she enjoys running and reading.

The war and sports

Jimmy Weideman
The Stoutonia



courtesy of, http://www.marquette.edu

With the war looming over the world, people disagree on the safety of mass crowd gatherings.

With Operation Free Iraq almost three weeks old, one question that was asked the first day is still being asked: should Americans live their lives like they normally do? Many normal lifestyles of Americans include sports.

During war, large crowds could be a potential target. Safety becomes an issue during sporting events because of the massive amount of people.

One of the major sporting events of the year is the Men's Division I NCAA tournament, which started on March 20, the same date given to Saddam Hussein as a deadline to leave Iraq.

After approval from President Bush, the tournament went on as scheduled. Major League Baseball also began as scheduled on Monday, March 31.

"My best friend is in Iraq right now and the last time we spoke he said that they all had filled out NCAA tournament brackets," said freshman Ryan Hediger. "I feel that he wants us to live the way we do."

Safety issues were looked at for each game of the NCAA tournament. Many rules were applied to entering stadiums. No backpacks were allowed, purses were checked and everyone was frisked.

"I have been a huge NCAA tournament fan for years and will continue to be, but I feel out of respect to our nation's troops it should have been postponed," said undecided major freshman Anthony Wilder. "They basically said that sports are equal to war."

In Minneapolis, Minn. where two sweet 16 games and one elite 8 game was held, only one arrest was made, for pubic intoxication.

Some players compare the sports competition to a war.

"We have a war to fight too; the Washington Wizards are trying to make the playoffs," said point guard Tyronn Lue.

This is a very bothersome issue for many people-comparing war and sports.

The next day, Lue took back his statement. In this time of war, it is important to remember these games are just what they are called-games.

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Marquette in NCAA final four

D.J. Vinar
The Stoutonia

Last November, 315 NCAA Division I men's basketball teams began their quest for a trip to the Final Four at the Super Dome in New Orleans.

Four months have passed, and the Final Four has finally taken form. Marquette, Kansas, Texas and Syracuse will battle for the national championship.

The University of Marquette Golden Eagles upset the number one ranked Kentucky Wildcats 83-69. Marquette junior guard Dwayne Wade showed why he is one of the best players in the nation with 29 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists.

The win snapped Kentucky's twenty-six game winning streak, and gave Marquette their third Final Four appearance. Marquette's last Final Four appearance was in 1977 when they won the national title.

Marquette will face the Kansas Jayhawks in a semifinal game on April 5. The Jayhawks snuck past the University of Arizona 78-75 to return to the Final Four in consecutive years.

Senior Kirk Hinrich led Kansas to victory with 28 points. Hinrich also blocked a three -point shot in the final seconds to seal the game for the Jayhawks. Kansas is joined in New Orleans by Big 12 Conference foe Texas.

T.J Ford helped the Texas Longhorns advance to their first Final Four in 56 years. Ford scored 19 points and had 10 assists in an 85-76 victory over Michigan State.

Texas is the only number one seed to advance to the Final Four this year. Texas will play Syracuse in the second semifinal game.

Freshman star Carmello Anthony, who may be leaving school for the NBA after this season, scored 20 points and grabbed 10 rebounds as the Syracuse Orangemen knocked off the number one seeded Oklahoma Sooners 63-47 in the East regional final.

The Sooners shot 31 percent for the game, thanks to the aggressive Syracuse zone defense. Syracuse returns to the Final Four for the third time under head coach Jim Boheim.

Both national semifinal games are scheduled for Saturday, April 5. The Marquette versus Kansas game will start at 5:07 p.m. and will be followed by Texas versus Syracuse at 7:47 p.m. central time.



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Marquette's men's head coach Tom Crean instructs the team at the Final Four competition.

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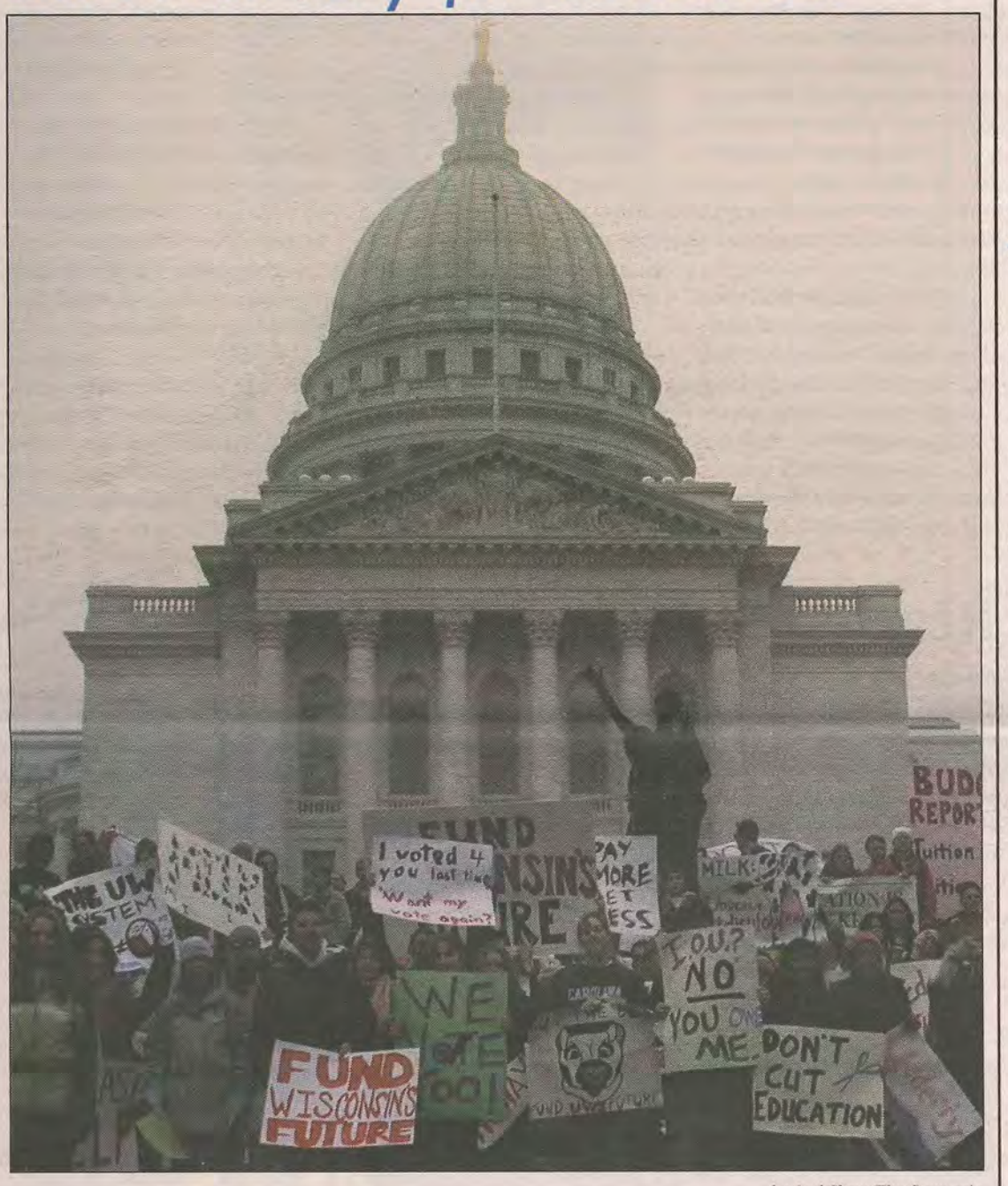
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student life

UW-Stout kicks off its annual family weekend on friday. This years theme is Stout Safari.

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Students rally for education



by Joel Shaw, The Stoutonia

About 200 University of Wisconsin System students descended on the capitol building in Madison last week. In true Wisconsin spirit, they cried "Stop milking the students!"

Rally held to save the UW

Joel Shaw
The Stoutonia

Thousands of dissenting voices were delivered to state legislators last Thursday by University of Wisconsin System students who traveled to the state capital in one last attempt to stop the tip of the budget dagger from plunging into the heart of the UW system.

These voices were carried in boxes by the students; thousands of postcards were signed by individual students as a collection of dissension, and were delivered to the offices of state legislators representing the students' campus districts.

The deliverers warmed up their voices in preparation for a raucous march to the capitol by cheering and hooting in response to short, persuasive speeches given by members of the United Council, Univeristy of Wisconsin-Madison Teaching Assistants Association, Wisconsin Federation of Teachers (WFT) and the Hip Hop Generation on the Library Mall.

The energy of the rally was raised a notch as WFT vice president and UW-Madison professor of labor Frank Emspak spoke on behalf of the teachers and teacher's assistants. He said that in spite of the governor's desire to trim the fat on UW campuses, there was no fat to trim.

"We [the teachers] are with you," said Emspak. "We will support you."

A rally cry erupted from the crowd.

"Stop milking the students," the crowd yelled.

In the current budget proposal the UW system, which accounts for nine percent of state spending, will receive a $250 million budget reduction, or 38 percent of the state cuts to spending. These cuts may be passed on to UW students in the form of tuition increases, enrollment reductions, increased class sizes and a decline in academic quality.

"What are we here for?"

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Results of SSA races

Nick Coenen
Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

In the history of the Stout Student Association (SSA), this was the first year voting took place online. The result? A 125 percent increase in student voter turnout.

The election was managed on the E-Scholar portal and voting was open for 13 hours on Tuesday, enabling 1,076 students to cast their vote.

Students had to logon to E-Scholar account and click radio buttons next to the candidates' names. After submitting their ballot, they were asked to confirm their choices and not allowed to vote again.

Winners of their respective races will be sworn in on Monday and the first meeting of the 34th Congress will meet on April 15.

President-elect Dave Hay said he won his race because of a combination of factors.

"I think so many people vote because they are informed, but I think some people vote because their teachers are informing them or that it pops up in front of them on the web," said Hay, a junior in marketing education.

"I would hope that I won and I believe because I am the more qualified candidate."

As president, Hay will set goals for internal SSA functions as well as getting the whole campus more involved with administrative processes on campus.

"We have to modernize the student government. We have to realize that things are now done on the web," said Hay. "We have to come up with new ways of getting information out. We have to be savvy to the changes that are happening in the world around us."

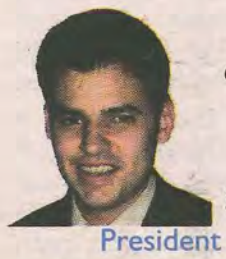
Junior Ian DeGraff ran for two positions and although he won neither race he plans to stay active in SSA. He is currently the director of public relations, a position appointed by the SSA president.

"I haven't applied for it [director of public relations] yet, but I plan to apply for it for next year," said DeGraff, who is majoring in general business administration.

"Realistically, I did not have any aspiration at all to win the academic affairs position because I endorsed the other candidate in my debate. It was a point to show you can run against these people."

Chris LaConte believes he won the race for director of financial affairs because

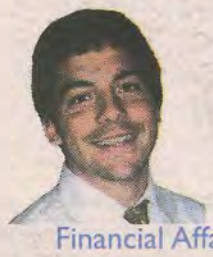
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Dave Hay
657 votes

Jeremy Dowd
316 votes

President



Chris LaConte
683 votes

Quentin Lenz
243 votes

Financial Affairs



Julie Derks
641 votes

Ian DeGraff
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Academic Affairs



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Ian DeGraff
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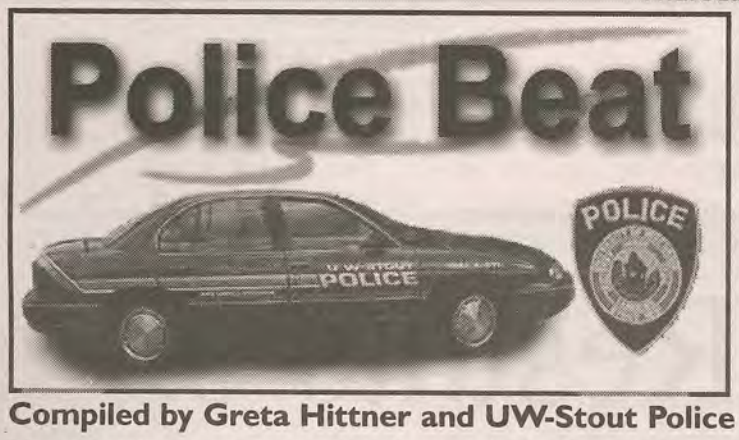
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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

More than just a game
On March 6, an officer responded to a shouting match between two opposing women's basketball teams in the multipurpose room of Johnson Fieldhouse. One of the students was insulted when another made a derogatory statement toward her teammate. All persons involved were guilty of causing a disturbance. The argument was resolved and both teams went their separate ways.

"Green leafy substance?"
A staff member brought a container of a green leafy material to police on March 7. The material tested positive for marijuana, and was found on the first floor of Applied Arts. The owner of the marijuana is unknown. Police destroyed it and declared the case closed.

Occupational hazard
A JTC Hall custodian was transported to the hospital on March 13 when she fell and hit her head. She tripped on the power cord of a vacuum while she was cleaning the floors in JTC.

Perfume peddlers
Police arrived at North Hall on April 7 responding to a complaint about subjects selling perfume in the dorm. The officer met with two males and advised them that selling without prior authorization was not allowed and that they must leave. The two men complied.

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Rally / Students plea with state officials

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yelled United Council president Jeff Pertl in an effort to fire up the small but dedicated group of sign-waving students. Nine chants had been printed on paper and distributed amongst the crowd to enable a unified voice.

"Education under attack; what do you do? Stand up, fight back," yelled the students.

An Associated Students of Madison press release anticipated more than 500 students would turn out for the rally.

The United Council press release speculated that attendance would exceed 1,000 for the march to the capitol. Despite several attempts by Pertl to coax more students into the pre-march events, from the rank and file streaming by, the crowd did not swell noticeably.

About 200 students headed east up State Street with placards, posters and banners held high, but sagged beneath the weight of a thick fog that appropriately shrouded the capitol in a gray veil of gloom.

Police officers controlled traffic at the crossroads as marchers chanted and hooted their way up the street, aided by the rhythms of a pail and bucket drum corps that had formed at the rear of the parade.

Assembled together once again at the foot of the Capitol outside the window of the governor's office, emcee Matthew McFeeley introduced Representative Mark Pocan, student Janelle Wise, student Michael Mosicke, budget campaign coordinator Erin Johnson and United Council Legislative Affairs Director Maggie Brown. They all made additional appeals to the Joint Finance Committee to revise Governor Doyle's biennium (2003-2005) budget proposal.

The rally ended on a positive and determined note as campus-specific groups entered the capitol building to make their deliveries.

Two more public hearings were held this week in Platteville and Madison.

A UW colleges legislative day is scheduled for April 30. The Joint Finance Committee will conclude its work in May and the final Senate and Assembly votes will be cast in June.

Results / Votes up by 125 percent

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his opponent, Quentin Lenz, didn't campaign.

That director's primary job is to coordinate the budget process for allocating funds to student organizations.

"I'm going to change the budget process," said LaConte, a sophomore in telecommunication systems.

He plans to put more of the budget process online and hold more training sessions for organization presidents and treasurers.

Election results were released late Wednesday afternoon and many members of the new executive board were unavailable for comment.

"It hasn't fully hit everyone yet, but I think [the contested races] will give the executives much more of a mandate because all of the seats were opposed, which is something that hasn't historically happened in a long time," said DeGraff.

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New program, wild start

Shanon Lehrke
The Stoutonia

Beginning this summer, incoming freshman will be required to read a novel before arriving at the University of Wisconsin-Stout campus in September. All incoming freshman will be required to read "Into the Wild," written by Jon Krakauer.

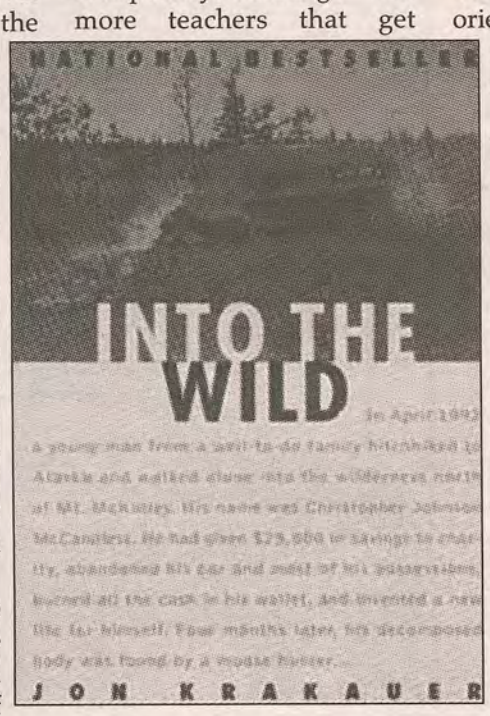
This new program, called Into the Book, is part of the first year experience program that will be launched in the fall. During the laptop rollout process, freshmen will form discussion groups to go over the material in the book.

"I think it would give students a little bit more of a feel for college," said Frank Buckles, director of guidance for Menomonie High School.

"Into the Wild" will also be incorporated into freshman English classes, along with laptop integration.

"I hope that professors in other departments will use it," said English department chair Susan Thurin.

One of the goals of the first year experience program is to encourage cross-disciplinary thinking. The more teachers that get involved, the more success the program will have. Two additional goals are to introduce students to the intellectual aims of college life and to create a sense of community and shared learning among students, teachers and administrators.



"I think it is fabulous that Stout is trying a new initiative," said Jacqueline Bonneville, coordinator for new student registration and orientation. "It can be successful if teachers get involved."

The book was chose based on many factors including quality, length, topic, character focus and survivalist pop culture.

"It is beautifully written," said Thurin.

The book was written about Christopher Johnson McCandless, a man who gave up all of his possessions to take on a new life facing the Alaskan wilderness. It is a true story and the author researched the events, motivations and people to help him navigate through McCandless' life story.

Students will be able to purchase the book at the campus bookstore for $9.95, $3 less than the retail price.

University Briefs



UW-Stout projects in planning stages

The approval process of three major building projects at the University of Wisconsin-Stout has gone one step further. They were recently enumerated by the state building commission at a meeting chaired by the governor. Bob Johnson, assistant vice chancellor for student life services represented the university at the meeting.

UW-Stout's projects include the replacement of JTC residence hall, an addition to Hovlid residence hall and finishing undeveloped space in the Merle Price Commons. The projects would be funded by student and user fees, not tax dollars.

Provost Sedlak to stay at UW-Stout

Provost Robert Sedlak was interviewed in March for the position of president at Millersville University in Pennsylvania, his home state.

Out of six candidates, Millersville named its own provost, Francine McNairy, to the position.

Sedlak will continue to fill his role of overseeing the academic and student affairs division and filling in when the chancellor is out of town.

Statistics published on UW-Stout's economic impact

The university relations office published a flyer this week outlining the university's economic impact on and proving its value to the Menomonie community during a time of intense budget cuts statewide. The university's annual budget is $100 million. It stated that UW-Stout employees pump $128 million dollars into the local economy and students contribute another $113 million.

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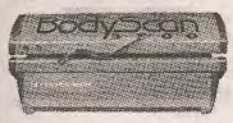
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We have almost fifty employees working anywhere from five to thirty hours a week trying to cover over one hundred organizations and activities plus campus news and administration every week.

It is just not possible to cover this campus as thoroughly as we would like to with the resources we have available to us. Is this a problem? Are the students of UW-Stout missing out on important information? No. *The Stoutonia* covers the big stories and brings the students the information they need.

In the past, readers have written letters saying that the sports coverage was not focused enough, and that the opinions pieces are rewriting the book on how to be wrong. (Side note: how can an opinion be wrong?) We read these letters and then look over the sections that are being questioned. If we are making any mistakes in our coverage, we try to correct them.

We encourage groups to bring in press releases or short letters that explain an event that would make a good story.



Story ideas are always welcome at *The Stoutonia*, as are students interested in jobs. Even though it is the end of the school year we are currently looking for more employees. Training for next year will begin soon.

Being the voice of the campus is a challenge that our staff is more than happy to tackle, but we often wonder if our efforts are appreciated.

So the next time you see a mistake in the paper, or take issue with any aspect of it, please write in or stop by and let us know.

But what would really make your fellow students (who work for *The Stoutonia*) day would be if the next time you liked any of our work, you gave us a thanks.

Maybe it's just a "Hey, nice article," but we will take that comment with us for the rest of the day.

Smalltalk: The oldest suburban phase



LOLA
Diane Wichern

I participate in as much smalltalk as the next person. Hey, how are you doing? Hi! Hello, I haven't seen you in awhile. How are you? How are you? How are you?

And really, what's the point? Why do we continually form non-responsive relationships with people that consist of the same four words repeated over and over again? Have our lives become that meaningless?

As the dreadlocked girl said, "I don't want to be an ant" (Waking Life). As for me, I do not want to be an ant.

I don't want to live my life with my feelers bumping mindlessly off of other ants, never stopping to find out what little ant habits we have in common. I don't want discontinuous relationships that have no positive feedback. I don't want to go through my life issuing small talk participation points. I want something more from the half hour than just a laugh track. I want something more from a walk than sore feet. I want something more from stopping to talk to someone I haven't seen in years or days or hours than a simple hello.

We bounce off other people continually, yet have you ever stopped to wonder what would happen if you didn't bounce, but stuck? Take me for example. I was sitting in the Terrace alone with a notebook spread out in front of me. Obviously enthralled by what I was encompassed in, I was enjoying a respite from being around people. Out of the blue a stranger walked up to me and asked if my name was Ginny. He found out it wasn't, and instead of doing the socially expected action, walking away, he sat down and began a conversation with me. We ended up talking for an hour and a half, learning about each others' upbringing and culture.

It was one of the most random in depth conversations I've ever had. We progressed past the prerequisite small-talk almost like it didn't exist, and hardly stopped to get each other's names. Instead we learned about something of a much greater value: each other.

Smalltalk is not some great enemy that we have to overcome. It is a door that we have to learn to go through, instead of just stop at. This ding-dong ditching has gotten way out of hand, and I'm tired of running to the door to find no one there. I want real human contact; real social interaction, even if it's nothing more than joking around with a customer while I'm at work. Not all conversations have to lead to some deep meaningful debate about the nature of the universe. But I am still craving more than the cursory.

Smalltalk is one of the universal languages, and one of the requirements for politeness, because everyone uses it. I use it; the student sitting next to me in class uses it; the professor meeting me to discuss a paper uses it. If you're lucky it leads to something more, otherwise it's just passing someone on the pavement.

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Letters to the Editor

Not covering enough

As a former senator and director on the Stout Student Association I was very upset at the recent article "Putting the 'student' back in the SSA." While I did agree with Nick on the fact that apathy does exist on campus, I do not agree that is it the sole responsibility of the SSA to put the information out to the students. In a perfect situation people would call the SSA office of stop by to see what is happening on campus. The reality is that people will not do this. People rely on other sources to relay this information to the campus.

Personally, I would like to see *The Stoutonia* cover issues that the SSA is dealing with more. I have not seen any article in the paper about the postcard campaign that SSA has done this semester collecting 1526 postcards to take to Madison to give to legislators to lobby on the current budget situations. I also haven't seen any information on what happened in the latest SSA senate meetings.

If you want students to be more informed on issues that the SSA is working on, inform them. You are the information source for the campus. Tell the students what is happening. I go to other universities and pick up copies of their student publications and they have an entire page of their paper dedicated to what their student is working on. While we have a paper in which the majority of articles is opinion I would personally like to see more fact.

Sincerely,
Jon C. Cunningham

Mr. Cunningham

Thank you for writing in and expressing your opinion. You composed a very thorough letter.

It is very interesting that you should write in this week. Some suggested reading for you, would be this weeks Staff Editorial on pagefour.

In regards to your letter, personally I agree with you that there is apathy on campus, and that it is not only the SSA's responsiblity to inform the students but also the responsibility of *The Stoutonia*.

But on that same note, there is only so much a small group of students can do when their classes and work do not match up. I cannot say for sure, but I would assume any student paper that has a full page of student government coverage is a campus with a journalism major.

I am not saying we could not do it at *The Stoutonia*, but we would need more resources.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Guilty pleasures make life more worth living



RIGHTHERE
Curt Trnka

I was just getting a drink of water from the drinking fountain. THE DRINKING FOUNTAIN, NOT THE BUBBLER!!! A bubbler is something I have in my fish tank. It's not like I get a bubble of water from the bubbler. NO!

Have you ever heard the line "Could I get a 'Trnka' water?" Of course you haven't, but do you think anyone smart enough to think up that line would call a device that delivers refreshing water a bubbler? Don't make me answer that.

Another thing about DRINKING FOUNTAINS that bothers me is the fact that they are falsely advertising a delivery system for a much-wanted commodity. It's not like drinking from a drinking fountain for hours on end will get you messed up. Take my word for it. Although if you say it right, you can have a little fun with drunks if you say, "Dude, it's a 'DRINKING' fountain! Try it!"

Sects. Quite possibly the only word that could ever get my attention in Art History. Due in large part to the fact that it sounds like...

Besides Viagra, only beer helps more people get laid. When it comes to sex at an old age, I can only imagine that it's not hot. I find it hard to believe that a person who is well on their way to a walker will be attractive, but apparently this wonderful little blue pill is actually a hallucinogenic drug. How else can you explain old people having so much sex?

"Boy Ma, you are really looking good today. Just let me pop a couple of these blue babies, take out my dentures and I'll be ready to go!"

Umm...yuck? Can we actually allow this to go on? Just the thought of senior citizens having sex lives bothers me. Number one, because that means they are getting more than I am, and secondly, because if anyone ever saw old people going at it they'd have to be hospitalized. Did anyone involved in the creation of Viagra stop to think what its effect on the world would be? I can just see some acne-faced nerd with Drew Carey glasses walking around in sweatpants saying, "I bet I can make old people screw like rabbits!"

Speaking of sweatpants, I hate them. They are possibly the single most comfortable item of clothing ever invented in the history of the world. You know you can't wear them. Not in public. Not unless you plan on becoming a member of Lambda, Lambda, Lambda.

There is nothing that will ever make sweatpants cool. People have tried adding cargo pockets, designer nametags, stripes and even tried making them crotchless. Ok, so to my knowledge, that last one hasn't actually been done, but it still wouldn't solve the problem. Sweatpants make you look dumb!

Ok then, Trnka, why does everyone have a pair? Because they are so damn comfortable! I'm wearing a pair right now. They are perfect for lazy days, homework, when you are sick and when you need something to change into quickly when someone comes to the door and you've been cooking in the nude.

So is it ok to wear sweatpants? No/Yes! No, because if anyone ever saw you wearing them you'd never hear the end of it, and yes, because aside from silk boxers, nothing ever felt so good.

Well, I have come to the end of my topics. Anyway, I have to go judge a swimsuit competition in my University of Wisconsin-Stout sweatpants. Wish me luck.

R.I.P. Saddam Hussein: 1937 - 2003



COMMONSENSE
John Harsdorf

As the Marine flying his Cobra Helicopter glanced down over the city in Southern Iraq, he noticed how people on the streets kept their heads down going about their business, never stopping to glance to the skies at the sound of approaching helicopters.

This was not true for the people on roofs and in private courtyards, where they waved and cheered as the marines flew over the city. The marine in the helicopter is a brother of a student here at UW-Stout, and he was kind enough to pass this incredible message of liberation to me.

"As the iron grip of Saddam's doomed regime slips from their throats, we finally saw the true Iraqi people we have been fighting for. The sight of children and old men spitting on a ruined statue of Saddam makes me wonder how people could ever rally for peace, when the price of doing so would only lengthen the rule of a brutal dictator."

As the cold-war déjà vu of falling statues and powerless dictators begins to settle in, we can see how long Iraqis have awaited their freedom. Instead of burning the American flag, Iraqi's are gladly waving homemade roughly hewn replicas. Their newly acquired freedom came with a heavy price, both in civilian casualties and in those of coalition troops. Still, these people understand that these sacrifices had to be made, and that waiting longer would have only prolonged the persecution of the innocent. People opposed to this war that have never raised an American flag in support of our troops, and our nation should forever remember the looks on the faces of the Iraqi-Americans in Dearborn, Mich. as they celebrated their countries liberation.

Abraham Lincoln said, "You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today." Today we are answering this call to responsibility, not just in securing a better future for Iraqi's, but also for us here in Menomonie. Then again answering this responsibility has the entire world nervous, but it is for good reason.

Ex-CIA director James Woolsey recently gave a speech to college students concerning Middle Eastern countries. The reason these countries are nervous is because we are backing the spread of democracy. We are on the side of those whom the presidents of Egypt and Saudi Arabia are the most scared of; their own people. Many will argue this is about oil, or it is about greedy contractors. I agree these things must be kept in check.

However we must never forget the Iraqi celebration that took place this past week on Saddam's grand parade grounds, and that this is the true reason that leaders of oppressed countries around the globe should be frightened of the United States.

The soldiers who have gone over seas to liberate this country and are sending a message to our enemies that we will never evade our responsibilities deserve to be thanked for what they have done. The Iraqi-Americans who celebrated in the streets of Dearborn Michigan truly appreciate the rights and freedoms we have in this country. Let's follow their example and show we support the people who are serving our country and ensuring that our freedoms remain safe.

There are many little things we can all do to make this happen. If you know someone serving in the armed forces, take the time to write and thank them for serving. Throughout Menomonie I have noticed many trees in wrapped in yellow ribbon, showing unwavering support for our troops.

Finally, this Friday from 11a.m.-1p.m. a "Support Our Troops" rally will be held at the flag pole near the Admin building. Anyone supporting our troops is encouraged to attend. It is time we show our support for our nation, our troops and for those who have paid the ultimate price in securing our freedom.

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Stout safari

Family Weekend • April 11-13

Familys come from all around to visit their sons and daughters at UW-Stout. many events are planned for the entertainment for visitors and students

Diana Minea
The Stoutonia

It is only once in a lifetime that you get the opportunity to go on a safari in Wisconsin. This weekend offers the chance to do so, but without the zebras, lions and Serengeti view. The University of Wisconsin-Stout's annual Family Weekend is being held this weekend, and this year's theme is "Stout Safari."



Family weekend is a student run event held each year to get parents involved in their child's college experience.

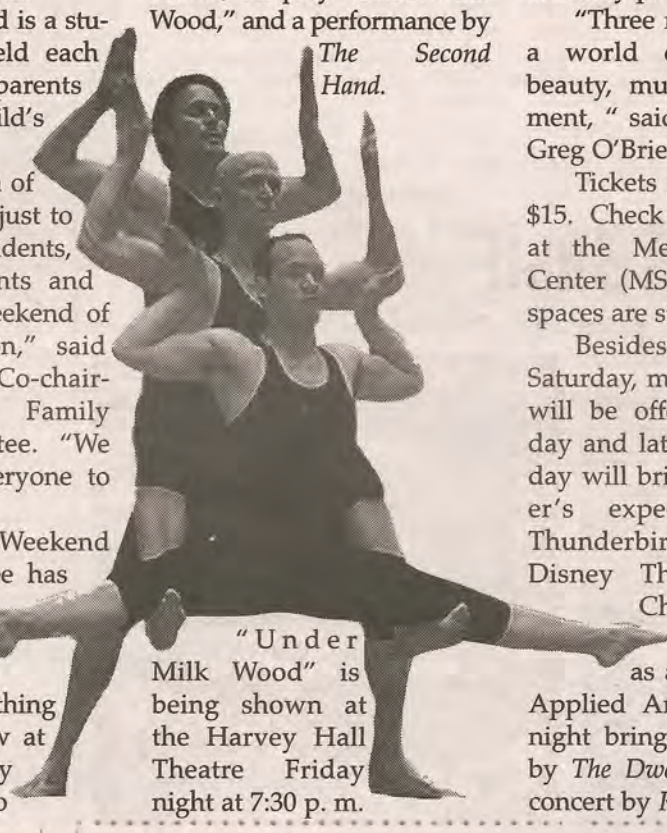
"The main idea of family weekend is just to offer UW-Stout students, prospective students and their families a weekend of fun and relaxation," said Jean Cerkovnik, Co-chairperson of the Family Weekend committee. "We sincerely want everyone to have a great time."

The Family Weekend planning committee has scheduled many events for families to go to together. Everything from an auto show at the Dunn County Recreational Park to bowling competitions in the Rec Center to a Dirt Cheap Auction put on by the American Hospitality and Professionals will be available to families.

"Entertainment was chosen mostly to consist of events that can be appreciated by anyone," said Cerkovnik. "Because it needed to be appropriate for the entire family, a lot of care went into the choices, and we think that we have a schedule that will be very enjoyable."

The Stout Safari buffet, will take place on Saturday from 4-6 p.m. in the Great Hall. The menu offers exotic safari names. Also the buffet will host singer/ songwriter, Jason Levasseur.

Friday night has two big events, the play "Under Milk Wood," and a performance by *The Second Hand*.



"Under Milk Wood" is being shown at the Harvey Hall Theatre Friday night at 7:30 p. m.

The play is written by Dylan Thomas and tells the story of a spring day in Llareggub, a Welsh coastal village. The play features the dreams, secrets, fears and poems of the city's living and dead residents. Tickets are $5 in advance and $7 at the door. Additional performances will be Saturday April 12 and Sunday the 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Another Friday night performance, The Second Hand, will be held in the Great Hall from 8-10 p.m.

The trio of entertainers will use their bodies along with a variety of props and music to create an out of the ordinary performance.

"Three men bring to life a world of imagination, beauty, muscle and merriment, " said group member Greg O'Brien.

Tickets for the show are $15. Check the Service Desk at the Memorial Student Center (MSC) to see if any spaces are still available.

Besides the buffet on Saturday, many other events will be offered during the day and later at night. The day will bring a wood carver's expedition at the Thunderbird Mall with a Disney Theme, the Dirt Cheap auction in the MSC, as well as an art sale in the Applied Art Atrium. The night brings a performance by *The Dweebs* and another concert by *Rhymesayers*.

A concert by the *Dweebs* will be held in the Great Hall from 9:00-11:30 p.m. *The Dweebs* are a group who does cover songs from the 70's, 80's and 90's while dressed in dweeby clothing. They work with the audience to create a fun and amusing show.

"*The Dweebs* are awesome and really entertaining," said Jenna Cardinal, a freshman majoring in Graphic Design.

Rhymesayers will be returning to UW-Stout for a performance at Huff's in the MSC at 8:00 p.m. on Saturday the 12. They are a hip-hop group from Minneapolis who gain crowds in the thousands at their concerts held nationwide. They will also be selling their tour only cd, *E&A Road Mix*, which isn't available in stores.

Calendars of weekend events will be available at the front desks of each residence hall, but if none of the events sound interesting, this city has a variety of activities for families to participate in.

"There are a lot of things to do in Menomonie with a little creativity," said Cerkovnik. "There are plenty of good restaurants and places for recreation, so I don't foresee anyone having trouble finding something to do."



courtesy of www.galumpha.com

Second Hand will be performing at UW-Stout on Friday. Their act is filled with unreal contortions, and flexibility. Audiences will be witness these three men in unlikely positions requiring tremendous strength and agility.

This year's Family Weekend is expected to have an equal attendance as previous years; estimated somewhere in the thousands on it's peak day, Saturday.

"This is one of the better weekends geared for families in comparison to other campuses," said John Quincy Chapman, student services coordinator, and Family Weekend advisor.

"It gives families an excuse to get together and have fun," said Cerkovnik.

Give them a second hand, and a third...

Janelle Klander
The Stoutonia

As families come from all over to visit their University of Wisconsin-Stout student, they may be looking for ways to spend their time together. Whether or not students have family coming this weekend, they still may want to check out the activities planned.

The Second Hand will be performing Friday, April 11 in the Great Hall of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Memorial Student Center at 8 p.m.

The Second Hand is a cutting-edge presentation full of dance, comedy, audience participation and food.

Greg O'Brien, Andy Horowitz and Marlon Torres use their bodies and an odd assortment of props and costumes such as cutting boards, frying pans, popcorn poppers and flashlights. They will create a strong blend of intertwining and melding together to form sculpture in motion.

This famous group has performed on Late Night with David Letterman, MTV, ShowTime, A & E's Caroline's Comedy Hour, and Broadway.

Free parking is available after 4 p.m. in campus parking lots.

Tickets are available at the UW-Stout Service Center in the Memorial Student Center.

Cost is $15 for the general public, $13 for senior citizens, $8 for UW- Stout faculty, staff and K-college students and $5 for UW-Stout students with I.D.

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Keeping JTC jazzed and running

Amy Koeppe
The Stoutonia

Being awakened by an 11:30 p.m. phone call would not go over well with most people. For Severa Krueger, it's nothing out of the ordinary. Not one to complain, the petite, sandy brown-haired hall director quickly explains that the calls are usually for good reason.

"Late night phone calls from my staff are usually about discipline problems," said Krueger. "My radar goes up fast when a resident has an attitude that causes trouble."

Being the hall director at JTC for the past three years, situations like these are something 27-year-old Krueger has learned to deal with. Living in a college dorm, she has developed a friendly balancing act among student, staff and job responsibilities.

A University of Wisconsin-Stout graduate, Krueger was first an associate hall director in HKMC before moving to north campus and becoming the hall director of JTC in fall of 2000.

She continues her work in close quarters with the residents of JTC. Living amongst the 265 residents, her personal time is often very limited.

"I am finally to the point where I feel I can get away and not have to worry," said Krueger. "The R.A.s (resident advisors) know what their job is, and they'll do it. Like tonight, I'm going shopping for a few hours, and I'm not feeling guilty about it!"

Like many college students, the only thing she might feel guilty about is the amount of money spent. As "Friends" quietly fills the background of her apartment/dorm living room, she comments that she sometimes feels like she's still in college herself.

"Some days I'm on campus wearing jeans and carrying a backpack; some students have no idea that I'm a hall director," she said. "But then there's days where I'm meeting with the vice-chancellor, and I'm all dressed up. Students that get used to seeing me casual often wonder why I'm dressed professional, even though it's part of my job."

Although Krueger may portray a student at times, she takes her job as hall director very seriously and works hard to build a strong community within JTC.

"Severa always made an effort to attend floor programs and got to know everyone in the hall," said Maria Hoffman, a former R.A. of JTC. "She was in her office a lot, and students always felt comfortable enough to stop and chat with her."

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by Andrea Nies The Stoutonia

Krueger stands under the "spring has sprung" sign. She helps coordinate the themed decorations in JTC.

Just 17 credits to boost your resume

Diana Minea
The Stoutonia

Thinking creatively and the ability to solve problems are characteristics that are useful in any field of work. A program at the University of Wisconsin-Stout will give students the opportunity to develop skills in both areas.

A creative writing certificate will be available to students and staff as well as people outside of the UW-Stout community starting in the fall of 2003. It will involve 17 credits worth of classes, and upon completion a certificate will be awarded to the individual.

Some of the required classes are Creative Writing I and II, two of three different advanced writing courses, one of two different technological writing courses and the Writer at Work Seminar. As of right now the courses would have to be completed sequentially.

Both Creative Writing II and The Writer at Work Seminar are new courses being offered at Stout. The Writer at Work Seminar is designed to be a summer course in which students are taught how to submit their stories to magazines. They will also learn how to read and accept rejection letters and how to continue submitting their articles after being rejected multiple times.

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"Red lights flashing in my rearview!"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

As I exited the Dunn County court house I took a deep breath of the cool spring air. My hand made a fist as my elbow jabbed backward as I exclaimed a breathy "Yesss."

I had just paid off the last of my fines.

I was slowly making payments for a night of stupidness; I had one parking ticket to pay off and Monday was the day I cleared myself of this financial burden.

Dunn County had seen the last of my meager paychecks. I broadcasted my liberty from the chains that tied up my other bills to my friends and anyone who cared.

I should have bit my tongue.

An impulsive late night trip to Wal-Mart to get supplies for my next design project would seal my fate for another few months.

As I was driving under the North Campus bridge I accelerated. I saw the state police car parked on the median camoflauged in the shadows. I looked down, I was going 40 m.p.h. The lights flashed on and the squad turned in my lane, soon after, the cherries flashed in my rearview.

"Do you know why I pulled you over?"

I was caught in a speed trap. The squad was parked right where the 35 m.p.h. zone starts and was clocking the speed of cars that were still in the 25 m.p.h. zone. The radar gun flashed 42 m.p.h.

What felt like hours later officer returned with a $163 speeding violation for traveling 17 m.p.h. over the limit.

I feel that I was just a poor sucker that got caught in this spider web where few had ever passed. The spider lurked in the shadow of the night and silently stalked his prey. An easy catch, I feel that I am just another number on his list.

I plan to attend my court date and fight this form of entrapment.

If my fine is dropped or even reduced I will be happy that I tried. If my fine remains the same I will at least have a month or two to come up with the money.

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Campus Slant

What is your favorite thing to do on a nice spring day?



"Drink and be outside."
~Jorge Gumez,
sr., mechanical engineering



"Be far away from Stout"
~Jolene Hess
sr., graphic communications management



"Go four-wheeling."
~Josef Peat
fr., engineering technology

"Go fishing."
~Dewni Josephson
fr., engineering technology



Next Week:

How would you suck a yoke out of an egg?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Severa / hall director keeps it fun

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Krueger says she feels like she has been a big influence on students and tries to set an example as a role model, while at the same time being a friend.

"Last week I helped a student with a resume for several hours," she commented. "I'm happy students can be that comfortable around me to ask for help on something important like that."

With a smile on her face more often than not, it's no wonder students find her easy to approach.

"Severa is very motivating with her bubbly and outgoing personality," said Hoffman. "She always uses her 'jazz hands' when she's excited about something."

Even though she often jokes around, students understand that she's the authority figure and that college life is not always fun and games.

"I know what goes on inside my building," she said. "My staff is ready to call campus police if they need to. I keep up with what students are into or not suppose to be into."

Living in the same building and working closely with the rest of the R.A.s, Krueger can usually sense when things are or aren't going well.

"The most rewarding part of my job is having my staff succeed," she said. "Last year one of my R.A.'s ran down to my apartment to tell me he had used the mediation skills he'd learned in training to settle an argument between two students. It's satisfying to see the R.A.s do well with their floor."

Glancing outside at the small parking lot behind Tainter hall, Krueger says that the best perk of being a hall director, besides the close parking spot, is being able to help, mentor and interact with students.

"She always played an active role in the hall government," said Sara Schultz, a former resident and hall council president of JTC. "Organizing hall events can be a lot of work, but Severa made it fun and her motivation was contagious."

Although the Campbellsport, Wis. native admits that her job is very rewarding, several years from now she sees herself working with 4-H or family youth in the Twin Cities, applying her family and consumer science education degree.

Whatever the future brings, she's taking advantage of the time she has left at UW-Stout. Not every hall director gets to live by the lake or has the luxury of knowing what's for dinner just by opening the window.

Struggling to keep a straight face she said, "I can always tell when it's lent season; a very distinct fish smell fills my apartment."



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

Krueger takes an active interest in JTC hall council and offers her input on hall issues. She encourages all to join.

Writing / create a future

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"This course will give students a lot of confidence in practice," said Dr. Dan Riordan, professor in the Department of English and Philosophy. "The way we've got it set up, the course will help students to get published, most people don't get that far."

According to Dr. Brian Fitch, an assistant professor in the Department of English and Philosophy who is also the creator of the project, the creative writing certificate is meant to be directed at three audiences. The first is those students who are interested in creative writing, but are not majoring or pursuing a minor in a writing program.

"There has always been a lot of interest in creative writing on campus," said Riordan. "Many people want to pursue it further."

Another group that would benefit from the program are those students who want to use it as part of professional preparation and development, not only in the writing field. In creative writing, the author has to think innovatively to write an interesting story that people would like to read, as well as apply problem solving techniques to resolve any obstacles that characters come across in the story.

"This program is one way to show you are enhancing your skills," said Fitch.

A third group that may be interested in pursuing the certificate are public school teachers and other professionals who would like to develop and enhance their abilities.

"This program is appealing to non-enrolled students such as the faculty and the community," said Dr. Susan Thurin, chair of the Department of English and Philosophy. "It would be a nice addition to their degree."

People that are not enrolled at UW-Stout can be a part of the program by applying under special student status through the admissions office. They do not need a transcript and the only charge is for the classes.

While most students don't know the program exists, the ones that do know seem confident that the certificate program will be successful.

"It seems like an excellent way to prepare students for a future in writing," said Christian Ward, a freshman majoring in technology education.

While the program is definitely beneficial to those interested in the writing field, anyone from any major is encouraged to participate in the program.

"Everyone has a story to tell," said Thurin.

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Kid Dakota surfaces



PURE JUICE
Bill Denney

I sit and watch MTV sometimes and can't help but notice that artists who used to seem a little more underground are selling out and surfacing on the channel. Jimmy Eat World scored big with "The Middle" and now The Ataris have come out with their stab at the graduation anthem which has become an annual ordeal.

Their song "In This Diary" attempts to follow in the footsteps of Vitamin C, Eve 6 and Dropline in hopes of becoming a forever timeless song for anybody who graduates in the year that it is released.

There has been a recent rise in underground music to the forefront of pop culture, which seems to want to turn a little more punk, hence the industry puppet of a band Good Charlotte. In the midst of this, however, some artists can maintain dignity and not sing for the critics, but for themselves.

Bands such as Bright Eyes, Fairview, Recover and Atom and His Package don't seem to want to take the path beaten by the emergence of Blink 182 into modern pop. They sing what they want, not necessarily what we want.

Kid Dakota falls into this category as well. A guitar and drums indie rock duo out of Minneapolis, they are an act led by the vocals of Darren Jackson and former 12 Rods member Christopher McGuire's drum beats. Their EP "So Pretty" dons a photo of Jackson, bloody-faced and arm slinged, and is an accurate representation of the band's live shows. The sound of the CD is something entirely unique in itself.

This Tuesday night, Kid Dakota took the stage at Huff's Lounge at the University of Wisconsin-Stout and gave a riveting, engrossing performance worthy of remembrance in my head for quite some time. Dakota's music and vocals reminded me somewhat of Bright Eyes in that the group didn't rely on anything but their instruments and Jackson's voice. The songs were simple, occasionally melancholic and extremely well written and produced.

Kid Dakota has true and pure talent unrecognizable to some meatheads, but undeniable to a true music fan. A song should be moving, thoughtful and deep and Kid Dakota knocked the ball out of the park in all three categories with every song performed. They radiated musical passion and it soon became contagious and spread to their small, but nonetheless extremely devoted and loving audience. Their performance at UW-Stout was no different. They owned the stage, sang their songs and made an impact.

The impact on the audience is where it's at. They can make or break a band, and isn't that why all musicians get started with their trade in the first place? The audience impact is the effect that some bands have forgotten about when attempting their journey to Fortunetown, USA. It's also something that people can hold onto as they cling to what true music there is left in the world.

Where is the humor in war?

Matt Schubbe
The Stoutonia

War and humor are two things that often oppose each other, and with the current wartime circumstances, late night television shows are tiptoeing around the delicate subject of the conflict in Iraq.

David Letterman recently had his reknowned top ten listing entitled Top Ten Things That Will Get You Kicked Out Of Iraq. Many other hosts have followed suit with jabs in the direction of Saddam Hussien, George W. Bush and certain news reporters, but is making a joke about the war, even a tame one, appropriate? Should late night talk shows even touch the subject? University of Wisconsin-Stout students gave some distinct opinions.

Many students didn't mind, as long as the humor was aimed specifically at Saddam Hussein.

"I think if they're making fun of Saddam, I'm all for that," said Justin Utpadel, a junior majoring in construction.

On a recent episode of Late Night with Conan O'Brien, one of his many jokes about the war in Iraq poked fun at Hussein.

"Yesterday, it was reported that Saddam Hussein's wife is trying to leave him. When asked why, she said, "He's not the madman I married.'"

Similar things can be heard from Jay Leno's opening monologues.

"It is not going too good for Saddam Hussein. He was on TV yesterday and tomorrow I understand he's going to be on an episode of 'Crossing Over.'"

"I like the talking Saddam lips on Conan [O'Brien]," said Andy DeNure, a freshman in multimedia.

Other students shared that they think war is no laughing matter.

"I think it's unpatriotic and we need to show full support for our troops," said Lindsey Gustin, a sophomore psychology major.

Other students agreed that war is a serious subject.

"We shouldn't joke about a war that will affect our generation so much," said Kathy Sue Ducain, a senior in general business administration.

Although many different people have many different view points, the ones that really matter are those of the censors and network executives who run the late night talk shows. They will ultimately decide what's appropriate.

The 411

Apr. 10 - Apr. 17

Thursday, Apr. 10
- 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., **Safe Space Workshop**, Northwoods Room, MSC
- 8 p.m., **Faculty/Staff Open Mic Night**, Heritage Café, free

Friday, Apr. 11
Registration Begins
Family Weekend Begins
- 7 p.m., **Tracy Howe**, Blind Munchies Coffeehouse, 621 Wilson Ave., free
- 7:30 p.m., **Under Milk Wood**, Dylan Thomas play, $5 advance/ $7 D.O.S., tickets: 232-1431
- 8 p.m., **The Second Hand**, dance, theater, acrobatics and humor, Johnson Fieldhouse, adult $15/ Students $13/ Kids $8

Saturday, Apr. 12
- 9 a.m.- 5 p.m., **Model Train Show**, Menomonie High School Fieldhouse, $4 adults, $2 kids 3-14, or $7 per family
- 10 a.m., registration begins for **Lion up and Bid**, 11 a.m.: silent auction, 12 p.m.: live auction, Crystal Ballrooms
- 12 p.m., Baseball vs. UW-Platteville
- 4 p.m., **Choir Concert**: Symphonic Singers & Vocal Jazz Ensemble, Terrace Café
- 7:30 p.m., **Under Milk Wood**, play
- 8 p.m., **"All Aboard"** Barbershop Show, Colfax High School, tickets $7 advance/$8 d.o.s., call: 235-9377
- 8 p.m., **Rhymesayers w/ Eyedea, Brother Ali & BK One**, Huff's, $5 student/$10 public, $7/$12 D.O.S., tickets: x1431

Sunday, Apr. 13
- 7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m, **Auto Club's 36th Annual Open Air Auto Show & Swap Meet**, Dunn County Rec Park, $2/$1 w/ non-perishable food item, under 12 free
- 10 a.m - 4 p.m., **Model Train Show**, Menomonie High School
- 12 p.m., Baseball vs. UW- Platteville
- 2 p.m., **Under Milk Wood**, play

Monday, Apr. 14
- 7:30 p.m., **Under Milk Wood**, play

Tuesday, Apr. 15
- 10 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., **IFC's Cuff N Stuff**, Ballroom A, arresting students: $5, arresting staff/faculty: $10, arresting Administration: $15
- 11:15 a.m., **Gay and Lesbian Parents Panel**, Ballroom C
7 p.m., 'Hope in the 21st Century,' Memorial Student Center, free
- 6:30 p.m., **Zaney Janey**, face-painting & games, Menomonie Public Library
- 7 p.m., **"Hope in the 21st Century,"** MSC, free
- 7 - 9 p.m., **free tax help**, 263 Jarvis Hall
- 8 p.m., **rock climbing competition**, indoor climbing wall, Johnson Fieldhouse, $5 students/$10 public

Wednesday, Apr. 16
- 6 p.m., **Women's Empowerment Festival**, Huff's, free

Thursday, Apr. 17
no events scheduled

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to lewisb@uwstout.edu

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Two for the Price of One

A for action, B for brainless



PURE JUICE
Bill Denney

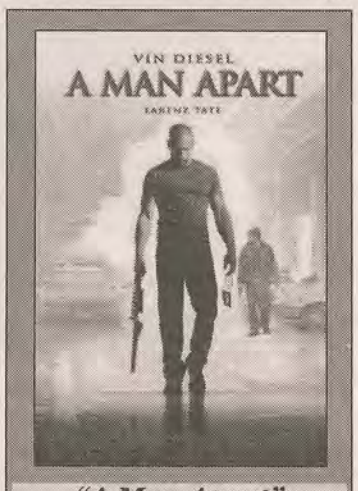
So Vin Diesel's got himself another dumbass action movie. This one's titled "A Man Apart," and while it sure puts the duh in dumb, I have to admit I had a good time.

It's a brainless revenge action flick along the lines of early Schwarzenegger or Seagal flicks, which is definitely a strike or three against it, but Diesel and director F. Gary Gray ("The Negotiator") add such energy to the project that it turns out to be a fun turn-your-brain-off kind of movie.

The moronic plot: Diesel is Sean Vetter, a top undercover agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). His team of agents, we're told, are the best. They're a rough and tumble group of former thugs and lowlifes who now fight for good.

Vetter and best pal Demetrius (Larenz Tate) have just arrested Mexican drug lord Memo, an act that creates a gap in the drug pipeline. Looking to take over Memo's action, agents for the anonymous Diablo begin killing off folks left and right.

This includes Vetter's wife, which allows Diesel to show us his emotional range as an actor, at which I was pretty impressed; he definitely sells his sorrow. Once Diesel's done pouting, his character starts hunting down Diablo.



"A Man Apart"
starring Vin Diesel
Bill says: *"A big, loud action flick with little on its mind."*
How it rates:
★★★☆☆

The rest of the plot is supposed to play off the "Who is Diablo?" mystery, but that's not why anyone will be watching. The mystery isn't remotely interesting and when Diablo's true identity is finally revealed, it's greeted with a general shrug. The fun of "A Man Apart" is instead all in the action.

And the action in "A Man Apart" is sure good stuff; better than most Schwarzenegger movies and far better than all Seagal flicks, although that feat's not a hard one. The fight scenes are enjoyable, mindless action, and the down time, while not as dramatic as the filmmakers would have hoped, is still enough to not get in the way.

While Diesel and Tate make their way from fight scene to fight scene, the supporting cast helps carry the picture. There's a terrific scene where the good guys come across a crack house that's been invaded by Diablo's men; they find a lone survivor in the attic, and the ensuing dialogue is surprisingly engaging.



Courtesy of: www.movies.go.com

Vin Diesel stars in yet another fast-paced action flick with Larenz Tate. In "A Man Apart" the two are busy busting drug lords.

The actual plot of the film is forgettable and filled with too many gaps, but the film keeps the action moving fast and thrilling enough that it doesn't really matter. "A Man Apart," as stupid as it is, is still a fun trip with a macho slab of escapism. This film won't win everyone over, but if you're looking for a big, loud action flick with little on its mind, you could do a lot worse.

Farrell's flawless performance



Courtesy of: www.movies.go.com

"Phone Booth" stars Colin Farrell, Keifer Sutherland and Katie Holmes. The short film is a good representation of Farrell's talents.

The big worry about Joel Schumacher's sniper-themed "Phone Booth" is that its release, postponed due to the sniper killing in Washington, may not have been postponed enough. The events of last fall may still linger too much on audience minds.

Fortunately for the audience, "Phone Booth" plays in corny thriller mode, with an over-the-top villain taking us one step out of reality. Instead of presenting an all too real horror, this one plays with a slight chunk of cheese that puts our minds at ease. And the villain's clichéd dialogue reminds us this is just a movie.

It's also a pretty good movie—one that features a dynamite performance from its leading man, Colin Farrell—and it would be a shame for audiences to overlook both the film and the performance.

The film, which plays out in real time, features Farrell as Stu Shepard, a super-slick public relations man known for loud suits, a cocky attitude and an unstoppable mouth. He's married, but he's also been romancing an aspiring actress (Katie Holmes), calling her from a phone booth to avoid her number from appearing on his cell phone bill.

One day, just after making his daily phone call, the phone rings. Stu answers, and the voice of the sniper on the other end winds up being a hammy, very devilish Kiefer Sutherland.

This should have tipped Stu off that it was time to hang up, but poor Stu kept on talking. It's then revealed that old Kiefer's got a rifle, and if Stu steps out of the booth, he's a dead man. Plus, he can't let anyone know he's talking to a killer, lest he open fire. When the sniper shoots a nearby pimp, Stu gets the blame; but of course, he can't leave the booth--even when the cops have him surrounded.

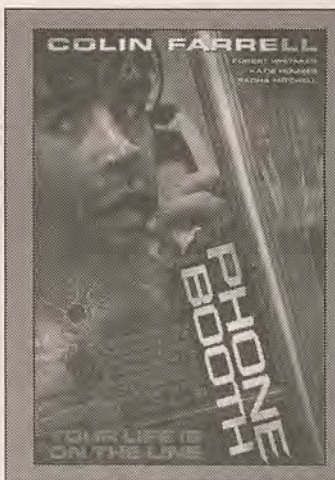
It's one of those villain-with-a-set-of-rules thrillers in the tradition of *Speed.* Thanks goes to an intelligent screenplay from Larry Cohen who is smart enough to stop at a brief but perfect 80 minutes before the premise runs out of steam. The movie comes across as brighter than your usual thriller-fluff with its short-run length.

There are, of course, plenty of problems. Most of them come from the cheesiness of the unnamed, unseen villain. Sutherland, who has to create menace by voice only, tends to overdo things. He's good, but he's a bit too much.

There's also the problem with the ending, which comes off with a twist that really doesn't go with the feel of this story. It's as if the producers wanted the audience to walk away with a "gotcha!" when we didn't have to.

The real reason to catch this film, however, is because of Farrell, who gives arguably his best performance to date as the slickster who's brought to a breakdown in just over an hour. Farrell is perfect as the smooth-talking PR jerk, the guy whose lies drip like honey. He stays convincing through to the film's final minutes, when his Stu has passed his breaking point and is a ball of stress. To watch Farrell disintegrate on camera is to see a true talent in peak form.

I'm not even sure if "Phone Booth" would have worked without him; he's so vital to the film's success. Even when the plot hits an occasional wall, stalling for time with some new thrill tactic or red herring, the movie's always a treat to watch. You might go into this one looking for a nifty suspense flick, but you'll walk away truly wowed by a gifted actor in a delicious role.



"Phone Booth"
starring Colin Farrell
Bill says: *"Farrell's best performance to date."*
How it rates:
★★★½☆

ENTERTAINMENT
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Play celebrates big 50

Matt Schubbe
The Stoutonia

This weekend a play like no other will be performed on the stage of the University Theater in Harvey Hall at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. "Under Milk Wood" is an intriguing play by Dylan Thomas, a celebrated poet and author. This play is not like anything most audiences have seen before. A play for voices, it is a lyrical portrait of a Welsh coastal town by the name of Llareggub.

Set in the springtime, two narrative voices guide the audience from midnight to midnight in a day following the routines of the denizens of the town. The colorful cast includes a sea captain, jealous lovers, gossiping housewives and even a prying mail carrier. The 60 different characters are played by a group of 22 performers known as the Tulgeywood players.

Can an audience hope to enjoy such a unique style of theater?

"I try to stage works of obvious merit that challenge both actors and audiences and that are feasible given our limitations of personnel and technical/financial resources," said James Miller, theater professor and director of the play. "'Under Milk Wood' is an ideal play for this college in all of those respects and in addition, this is the 50th anniversary of that play's initial performance."

Actors in the play also expressed their excitement over the play's overall value and merit.

"[Under Milk Wood] is depicted through the scenery," said cast member Sarah Shock, a freshman majoring in architecture. "It's an interesting and unexpected play."

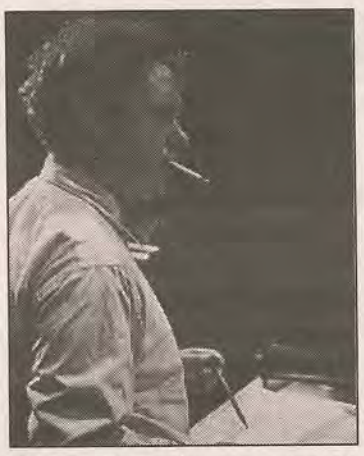
Other cast members praised the play for its constant action.

"There's so many different characters going on and off stage that it keeps you on your toes," said Rochelle Holmes, a sophomore industrial design major. "You really need to keep track of who's who."

According to Miller, the production is playing exclusively during family weekend because it is a tradition rather than something to impress parents and visitors.

"Well, we have done a show on family weekend for at least the last 20 years, so it should come as no surprise to anyone who has been paying attention," said Miller. "We do not do the show [specifically] for family weekend; rather this is an opportunity to showcase for visitors what we do all year long here at Stout. [It's] not a special event staged to amuse our guests as a one shot venture."

The performances for "Under Milk Wood" run April 11-14 with performances on Apr. 11, 12 and 14 at 7:30 p.m. and on Apr. 13 at 2 p.m. Tickets are $5 in advance and $7 at the door and can be obtained from the Harvey Hall service desk or by calling 715-232-1431. Ticket sales at the door will be available one hour before



Courtesy of: www.lorenzo.uwstout.edu
Dylan Thomas wrote this unique lyrical play based on springtime in a Welsh town.

UNDER MILK WOOD

What: Dylan Thomas play
When: April 11-14
Where: University Theatre, Harvey Hall
Tickets: $5/advance, $7/at door, call 232-1431

GONE GLOBAL ...In England

Amanda Dobbratz

I am having an artistic crisis. Why is this? Better yet, why should you care? Let me try to explain this.

When I came to England I realized I could reinvent myself. No one here knew anything about my work or me; I could start fresh. This wasn't hard at first. It took me quite a while just to recognize myself without old familiar references. How can you define yourself through cultural means in a different culture?

Starting new. I think that might be an idea many people like to think about. The main thing I've learned is how to be strong enough in myself not to just assimilate. High tea, biscuits and rain can be quite enticing you know.

As I live here alone, I've had an immense amount of "me time" on my hands. It was really daunting at first. I'm sure you're all aware of the stigma of going out alone. I know that when I waitressed I would always feel a tinge of pity for anyone dining by themselves.

So, in this process of so-called self-discovery, I have become more sure of myself, but less confident in my art. You would think that one followed the other, that they were co-existing states. This is not the case.

You see, in my newly found freedom from my own stereotype, I've had an explosion of ideas for paintings. So many in fact, that I don't really know how to put anything together, and as a result, have made a bunch of non-cohesive paintings that aren't very good.

I guess the point of this self-indulgent essay is that I'm still making work, even if it's bad.

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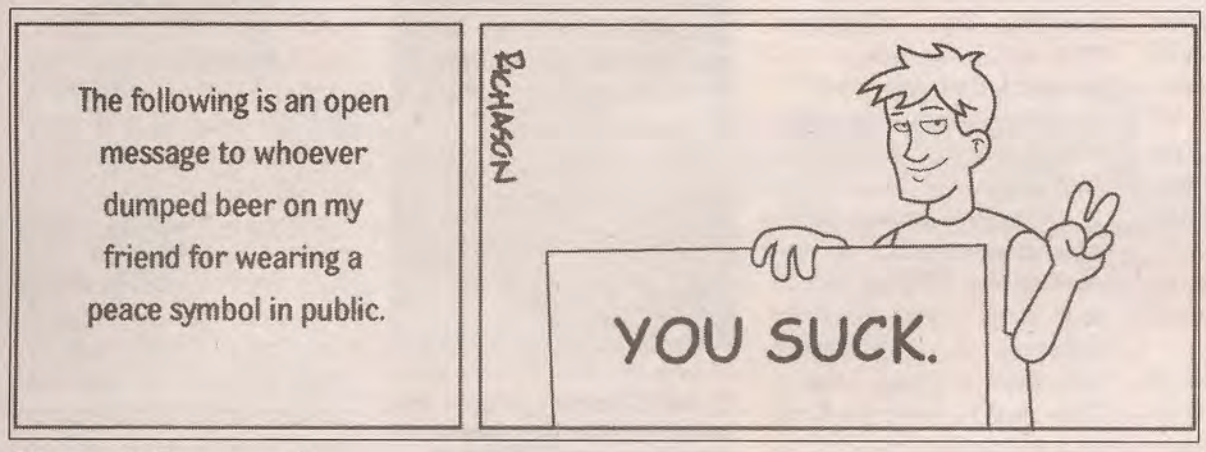
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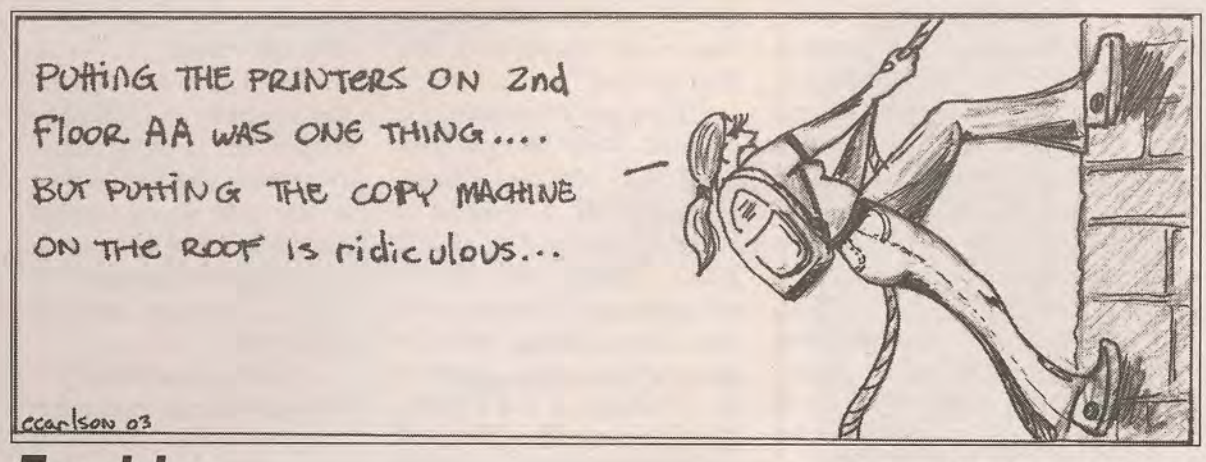
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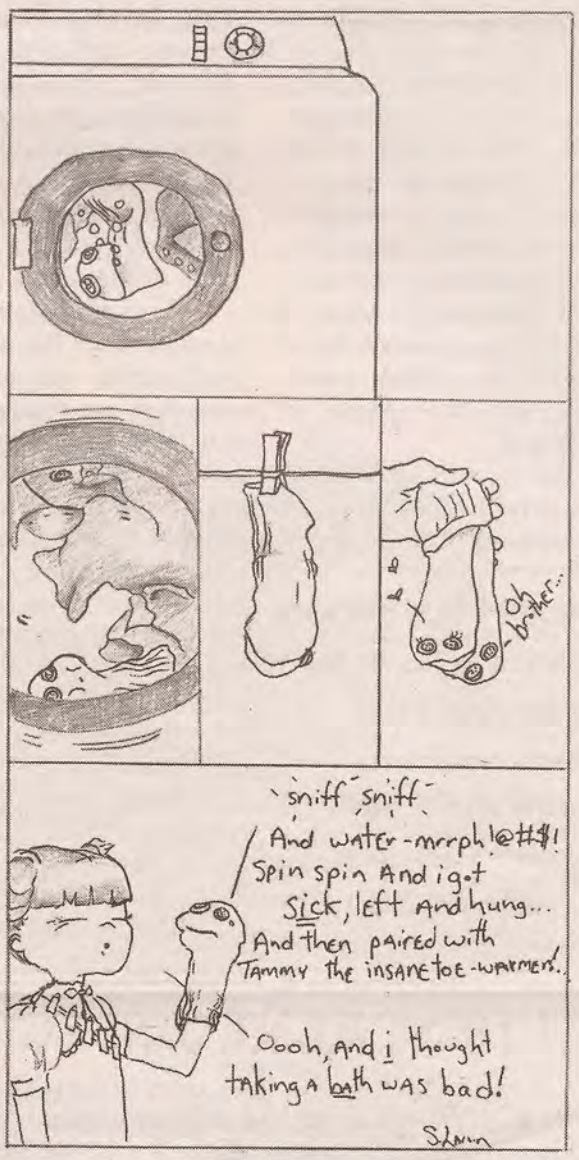
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5	2	1820 8th St	$1,125	$225	$1,275	$255	New, good location wash/dryer avail 09/01/03	4
5	2	1820 8th St	$1,125	$225	$1,275	$255	New, good location wash/dryer avail 09/01/03	4
5	1	200 1/2 Main St. #204	$1,500	$300	$1,500	$300	All utilities incl. Coin Laundry	H
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Is golf a game of gender bias?

Jimmy Weideman
The Stoutonia

Legend has it that the game of golf was designed for men. Thus its name is an acronym for gentlemen only ,ladies forbidden. This thought is currently being challenged.

The 67th Masters, one of the four prestigious majors of the PGA, will start April 10tin Augusta, Ga. Augusta National, the host club of the Masters, has been under controversy due to having an all-male membership.

"The great thing about our society is we have the freedom to gather in groups, however we want," PGA Tour player Paul Azinger said. "It's a club. If I want a club that excludes everybody named Jim, that would be my privilege. It's a club, Augusta National. Women play Augusta National; they just don't have any single female members. Women work at Augusta National; the club donates money to women's groups. But they don't allow women to be a member without a husband; so what?"

It all started 10 months ago when Martha Burk head of the National Council of Women's Organizations, urged Augusta National chairman Hootie Johnson to open club membership to women now, before an issue arises at the 2003 Masters.

Since Johnson denied this request, Burk has been on the prowl to hurt the Augusta any way possible.

Burk urged CEO's of Coca-Cola, IBM and Citigroup to suspend their television sponsorship. Johnson announced a few days later he dropped the Masters' television sponsors to keep them out of the controversy.

The next target pursued by Burk was CBS Sports. She urged them to not broadcast the 2003 Masters. The network declined to listen to Burk, saying it would be a disservice to fans of this major championship.

"I think that women should have a chance to compete co-ed in the Masters," said junior general business major Katie Severson. "If we want to find the best athlete in the sport it only makes sense to include both genders."

When Operation Free Iraq first started, Burk tried to pull the plug on the Masters by incorporating it with the war.

Burk stated, "Broadcasting the Masters now and showcasing a club that discriminates against women is an insult to the nearly quarter million women in the U.S. armed forces."

Burk later regretted making these comments. Many people believe Burk did this as a last result and lost support because of this statement.

Most recently Burk has requested a permit to demonstrate across from the front gate. It was denied due to traffic congestion, but she was granted a permit a half mile away.

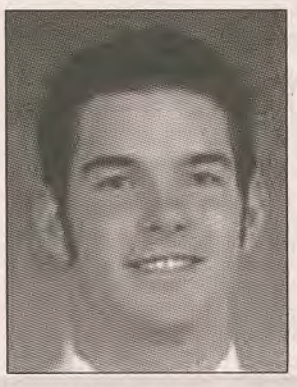
"Women have many female only clubs, which is their right," said freshmen construction major Adam Wolf. "Augusta National has the same right to have an all-male club."



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The Augusta Masters golf tournament has been buffering accusations of hosting a sexist sport.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Seth Maier

The Facts:
Baseball
Sophomore
Park Falls, WI
Early Childhood

Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

On Monday, April 7, the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point won three conference games over University of Wisconsin-Stout. However, UW-Stout was not without a fighter.

Sophomore Seth Maier, who red-shirted last year, doubled in two runs during the fifth inning against the Pointers.

In high school Maier was state runner-up in 2000. He was three-time all conference and conference player of the year. He was also named two-time all state and WBCA All-Star team member.

In his free time, Maier enjoys playing football and basketball.

Going the extra mile



TALKTIME
Rebecca Werner

Now that the weather has been more cooperative, the community of Menomonie can witness many individuals out getting some exercise. I myself am among those dozens of people.

I find nothing more relaxing and stress relieving then a leisurely long run.

Last year, a friend of mine convinced me to run Grandma's marathon in Duluth. I naively complied. Completing the marathon was one of the best experiences of my life; I now feel as if I can accomplish anything.

Despite the fact that it was a wonderful experience, I vowed never to do one again.

I soon took back my words as a good friend of mine convinced me to accompany her this summer on her first marathon.

The excitement of the race soon diminished when she was called into active duty soon after the war began. I am now more determined to run this race; not for myself, but for her.

The solo long runs become very difficult and boring, but I always think of how fortunate I am to be able to complete the quest.

Some people think that running a marathon takes great athletic talent. That is incorrect. I think the most important things needed are discipline and perseverance.

I anticipate the race, which is quickly approaching, but I also wonder about the other scores of people diligently working out.

I wonder if the people rollerblading have ever looked online for a rollerblading race near them.

I also wonder if the speed walkers look for the speed walk races, or how about the packs of bikers, are they too training for a tour?

Many people step out for a quick breath of fresh air and never realize that the miles they log on their feet or wheels are building up and can be used to complete a race.

So, the next time you lace up your rollerblades, tie your shoes or unlock your bike, consider registering for a road race.

All a person needs to do is log onto a search engine and type in a key word to find a race near them.

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Intramural sports block four

Ryan Wessley
The Stoutonia

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, the University of Wisconsin-Stout intramural sports block four is ready and rolling. Block four offers flag football, indoor soccer, ultimate frisbee and golf.

There are also new flag football co-ed teams available to join this season.

Regular flag football is played Monday-Thursday evenings, and co-ed is played on Sundays.

The team must consist of seven players, but five are required to play a game.

Flags are provided by the intramural office and participants aren't allowed to wear any jewelry. Shirts and jerseys must be tucked in and no protective equipment or padding can be worn.

The game consists of two 18-minute halves, with a two minute half-time.

Touchdowns are worth six points, and extra points range from one to three, depending where one is on the field. A safety is two points, and an interception, extra point tries and return are three points.

"It's a good time and good exercise, said Dan Lallas, a sophomore in hotel restaurant tourism management. "It gives students a chance to play an organized sport."

Many UW-Stout students who don't play collegiate sports enjoy the chance to play intramural sports.

"I play intramural sports because it keeps me active and it gives me something to do at night, because flag football is an intense sport; it gets me excited to want to play competitive football," said Kyle McCarty a junior in hotel restaurant tourism management.

Intramural sports are popular around campus and with new and exciting sports such as co-ed flag football, ultimate frisbee and golf, many students can take advantage.

Ultimate frisbee consists of seven members, with a limit of two club members. Individuals may wear rubber soled shoes or molded cleats. The first team to achieve 15 points, winning by two, is the winner; a three minute half time occurs when one team scores eight points. Each team is allowed 1 one-minute time out.

In many ways, ultimate frisbee is like football but with a disc and slightly different rules. If anyone wants to know more about it, check out the ultimate frisbee games on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

Indoor soccer has all of the same rules as the rest of the intramural sports. Indoor soccer is played on Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. A team consists of six players plus a goalie. Games are two 16-minute running time periods with a two minute break between periods. The rules are slightly different than outdoor soccer, but still have the same concept.

Golf is also available this block for intramural sports. The rules are simple. A person may play whenever they can with anyone they wish. All a person must do is turn in their score card by the posted deadlines across from the office. Participants will be divided up into competitive catagories according to each one's ability. The team plays at Menomonie Country Club and the nine hole par is thirty. The sport is co-ed and welcomes people of all levels of ability.

If interested in joining a team contact the intramural sports office at 232-1392, or stop by the office in room 41 of the Johnson Fieldhouse. Visit the website at http://www.uwstout.edu/univerec/im for more information on any of the events.



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Block four has begun and is offering a variety of sports. Activities such as golf, ultimate frisbee, indoor soccer and flag football are offered to all interested students.

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Weather delay's track season

D.J. Vinar
The Stoutonia

The University of Wisconsin-Stout men's and women's outdoor track and field teams toughest competition so far this spring has been the weather. Both teams were scheduled to start their seasons on March 29, but because of the unpredictable rain, snow and cold, neither team has started their competitive seasons.

"I told the guys that we are an outdoor team, so we will be practicing outside," said rookie men's coach Josh Buchholtz. "So far we have only been inside twice this spring," he added.

Buchholtz hopes that his young team can continue to improve throughout the season and fight off the elements. Coach Buchholtz is definitely not a stranger to track and field success. While at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse Buchholtz won All America honors in the pole vault.

"We are a very young team this season, but we have been chomping at the bit everday," said Buchholtz. "Everyone just wants to get out and compete. Early on I would say that we are looking pretty good."

The men's track and field team will see a couple new faces this spring. Senior Tyrone Rhone will move from the football field to the track. Rhone is currently being scouted for the 2003 NFL draft. Another new face will be junior Andy Bray. Bray will move from the basketball court to help in the 4x400 relay this spring.

On the women's side, head coach Joe Harlan enters his third season at UW-Stout. So far this spring Harlan has found it very difficult to keep the enthusiasm high without the opportunity to compete.

"We had to cancel our spring break trip because of budget cuts and our first two meets because of the weather," said Harlan. "It is hard to motivate people in the rain and cold, but I think we are ready to compete."

The Blue Devils women's track and field team is very young this season. With approximately 40 underclassmen competing, the Blue Devils could be considered a team in transition. Coach Harlan will be expecting junior Laura Verdegan and senior Lacey Osuldsen to provide leadership to the youthful roster. Verdegan earned All America honors in the long jump during the indoor season.

"Hopefully in the next few days we can see where we stand after a couple meets," said Harlan.

The men's and women's teams will attempt to finally open their outdoor season on Thursday, April 10. Both teams will compete again on Saturday, April 12 in La Crosse and St. Peter, Minn, respectively.





courtesy of, sports information

The men's and women's outdoor track teams are anxious to start their season. Discouragingly, it has been delayed due to the unpredictable weather changes. The team hopes to start competing, April 10.

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Rally shows support for troops

Amy Koeppe
The Stoutonia

Students showed their support for the troops on Friday, April 11 at a rally by the flagpoles between Bowman and Harvey Halls. Organized by the College Republicans (CR), supporters waved flags and held signs that said, "Honk for our troops."

Between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., a steady stream of honking filled the air on Main Street as passing motorists showed their support.

"There was about 8-10 of us standing there, and pretty much everyone that drove by honked," said CR member Heather Kuesel, a senior in dietetics. "It was a lot of fun to see so much support."

To encourage the students that rallied, several community members offered thanks and appreciation for the demonstration.

Curt Blodgett, former marine and owner of That Mexican Place, took a break from working to come help wave flags with the students. In addition, many others were pleased to see the rally take place.

"We had a man from the first Gulf War who was extremely appreciative to see that there were people who took time out of their day to stand on Main Street for three hours waving flags and talking to people," said supporter Matt Linne, a sophomore business major. "We held the rally for people like him."



by Liz Hawkins, The Stoutonia

A group of students, organized by the College Republicans, gathered by the flagpoles Friday afternoon to show and rally support for the troops in Iraq.

The location of the rally was chosen by the flagpoles to symbolize the importance of the demonstration and what it represented.

"The brave men and women in uniform overseas that are fighting for this country deserve our utmost respect, thanks and support," said freshman supporter Casey Snider, who is majoring in marketing and business education. "I was there on Friday to give them just that."

On most Fridays since last September there has been another group, Women In Black (WIB), who gather by the flagpoles to oppose violence. Now an informal international organization, WIB was started in Jerusalem in 1988. According to member Marion Lang, WIB plan to continue standing in weeks to come.

"There was a lot of enthusiasm of people passing on the street," said Lang. "We decided not to stand on Friday because we didn't want to become another source of conflict."

Rally supporters recognized that helping other countries comes at a price, which does include violence.

"Everyone hates war, but there is a saying, 'Peace is not just the absence of war, but the presence of justice'," said Snider. "I truly believe that and know we are over there for the right reasons."

Although this was the first rally to support the troops, the CR plan to continue demonstrating support on following Fridays, beginning April 25. Anyone is welcome to attend and offer support.

"We just wanted to find a way to support our troops; they're working hard to make our country safe," said Kuesel.

Latest numbers tell more of budget impact

Best-case scenario reduction numbers released last week, but still not finalized

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

Uncertainties about the upcoming budget cuts have started rumors about class availability, layoffs and the future of athletics at the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

An April 8 memo from Chancellor Charles Sorensen outlined what cuts would be made if Governor Doyle's budget proposal is approved by the legislature.

UW-Stout's base budget reduction is $1.5 million, money that will be removed permanently from the funding base. The university also must return $773,000 for one year; this is called a budget lapse.

"This is the most severe cut in the entire history of the UW System," said John Enger, director of university relations.

"At this time, we are trying to preserve courses that students will need to graduate on time. However, any deeper cuts will likely impede our ability to do this."

The areas taking the largest cuts will be student services, instruction, institutional support and academic support.

Student services, which includes athletics, will lose $230,000. Athletics and physical education are losing funding for two full-time positions, but plan to fund those positions through self-generated income like fundraising.

That shift of funds will save the positions and the baseball and softball programs for another two years.

"We have such a great staff that they want to keep this together," said Steve Terry, UW-Stout athletic director.

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> **John Enger**
> *Director, University Relations*

One-third of the base reduction cuts will be felt by instruction. There will be a decrease in support for summer and winter sessions and laboratory modernization.

Eight vacant positions in 16 academic departments will not be filled and 2.5 full-time positions will be cut in program direction.

According to Enger, if it is assumed that most instructors teach 12 credits or four courses, the loss of one full-time position equals the loss of four class sections. Losing eight full-time positions could mean 32 fewer class offerings in the fall.

Administration remains hopeful that they will be able to continue to maintain a

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Weekend Weather

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quality education for all students.

"As a campus, our commitment is to assure that students have access to courses needed in order to graduate in a timely manner," said Sorensen.

Institutional support consists of areas like the business office, technology services and the university webmaster.

Secretarial positions will be reduced in administration offices and UW-Stout will have a smaller advertising budget.

Reductions in academic support include fewer associate dean positions and the elimination of the art gallery curator position, a library support position and 3.8 full-time positions at Stout Solutions.

Stout Solutions is a learning technology and research promotion department.

The budget will be finalized during the summer, but the Board of Regents required all UW schools to submit their reduction plans to comply with the governor's proposal.

"While it has been a very difficult predicament to handle, we are now being told this large reduction is the best-case scenario for the UW System," said Sorensen.

"It is critical that we receive support for the tuition increase, which is offsetting a potentially much larger cut."

Detailed information on the budget cuts can be found by going to http://www.uwstout.edu/bpa/budget0305/.

For information on what the public can do about the budget crisis, go to http://www.uwstout.edu/ur/budget/.



You know you're a redneck
Police have received several complaints of a truck spinning its tires in the gravel lot west of Hovlid Hall. The activity had been going on for several weeks. On April 8, an officer was dispatched to the lot where the truck was parked. Upon arrival, the truck was leaving the lot. Police pulled over the truck and advised the driver to adjust his driving habits.

Car-motorcycle collision
A student reported an accident in UW-Stout parking lot 18 on April 10. The student was exiting the lot on his motorcycle when another student was entering in his car. The reporting student said that upon entering the lot, the car made a left turn in front of the motorcycle, causing the student to dump his bike to avoided colliding with the car. The driver of the car said that the cyclist was riding too fast and inattentively in the parking lot. Warnings were given to both drivers. No one was seriously injured in the accident.

Catch me if you can
Officers were in pursuit of a person fleeing with a cone from the Williams Stadium. The suspect jumped over the fence, grabbed a cone and started running off with it while students were playing flag football. Officers chased the male on 17th Ave. East and then lost sight of him. There are no suspects at this time.

Musical cars
On April 13, officers responded to five complaints regarding cars moved in a campus parking lot. Unknown persons picked up the back ends of a total of 10 students' cars and moved them over, beyond the parking lines. The cars were moved in such a way that made it impossible for the cars next to them to move. Police moved the cars back inside the parking lines.

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Where are these people coming from?

Here at *The Stoutonia* we have noticed the outburst of scantily clad people that appear around campus whenever the weather gets warm.

Where are these people coming from? Guys are walking around campus with their shirts off and you just have to wonder if that's because it's so nice outside or because they don't even bother to buy shirts.

Anywhere there is an open spot of grass, groups of very attractive young ladies can be seen sunning themselves all day long. They never go to class! How are they getting away with this? Not that anyone is going to complain about this.

A number of theories have been voiced as to the origin of these fair-weather students.

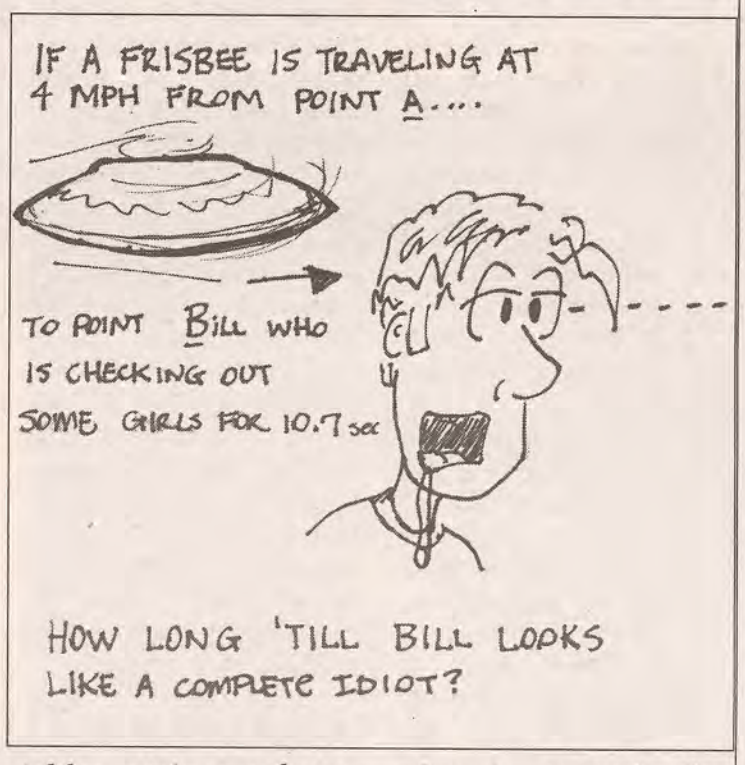
First there is the possiblity that they are actually students from Florida who have gotten tired of displaying themselves to their own beautiful weather campuses and have come to Menomonie looking for new students to impress. Mission accomplished.

Another theory is that these Gone Away When it's Cold or GAWC students are actually a rare type of Wisconsin residents that hybernate much like a bear does.

This theory also states that the GAWCs do not attend classes, have jobs or any other form of work that would interfere with their sunning time.

Some inanimate objects are also affected by the warm weather. Furniture has the unique ability of finding a way outside whenever it gets nice.

Just take a look around on the next warm day we have here in Menomonie, and you might find yourself wondering if some houses are actually furnitureless on the inside, since there are a number of coffee tables and anywhere from one to five couches on the front lawn.



One advantage that every student can enjoy are professors who understand that their students want to be outside. Professors' stock will raise exponentially if they take their class out for even one class.

Many students use the anti-Menomonie weather to break out of their winter funks. Games of volleyball and basketball are played around the clock and BBQs are held on the hour. What UW-Stout student hasn't seen one of the many games of catch going on around campus?

You probably have class with a person who was hit in the head by a frisbee.

If there was an award for coolest game of catch it would have to go to the guys playing frisbee over five lanes of traffic on north campus.

Side effect of newspaper is papercuts



RIGHTHERE
Curt Trnka

In the winter of my freshman year I slipped on some ice on my way to class and hit my head. If I had just skipped class, like a normal college student, my head probably wouldn't be ringing, for days on end.

Of course, as it turned out, I had to spend over four hours at the hospital being poked and tested for diseases and medical conditions that don't even exist in this country, when all I needed was pain killers. Note to self: skip more classes.

While I was waiting for 45 minutes in the emergency room, I had the opportunity to read over the side effects of the painkillers I was going to be given. As you can imagine, I was slightly disturbed when I read: "Side effects can include, but are not limited to: dry throat, drowsiness, disorientation, and headache."

At this point, I've been holding my pounding head for over a half-hour, and now I find out that the medication they want me to take can actually mess me up worse then a hit to the head.

Once I finally got home I fell asleep instantly. I woke up later that night and decided to watch some TV. Not that it's any of your business, but I was hoping to see one of those NADS hair removal infomercials. There is nothing quite as funny as a group of women talking about how much they love their NADS.

What I found on TV at that early morning hour scared the crap out of me. There was a commercial for some new drug that would allow people with allergies to get out and live their lives more fully. I heard the speaker rattle off a long list of side effects, many of which were the same ones I currently feared. It had side effects that included migraine headaches and loss of consciousness. So I'm scared, but then I remember that I had Comedy Central on last, and I realize that this must be Saturday Night Live. Once Pulp Comics comes back I realized that it wasn't SNL but an actual ad!

Think of people with allergies watching this. Upon seeing this, they are weighing their options carefully.

"Let's see. I could go outside to hike with my son and suffocate from my allergies, or I could take this pill, go on the hike and later, die from something like slight intestinal bleeding."

Wow, good luck with that. Personally I think I'd just stay in and buy my kid a PS2. They'd never even remember you were there.

But if I could be serious for a minute here, if there are all these possible side effects for these products, shouldn't the public be warned?

"Caution! Sun bathing can have the following side effects: sunburn, skin cancer, blindness and of course spontaneous combustion.

Seriously, either these are true issues that I need to be aware of or pharmaceutical companies everywhere are trying to be real pricks!

All I am saying is that if these are real problems, the consumers should know it.

OPINIONS

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Letters to the Editor

Hauschildt way off base

In her article this past week, Ms Hauschildt has several errors that she needs to correct. About Michael Moore, the crowd was not booing him. As you probably noticed, there were many others up on stage with Mr. Moore. These were all of his fellow nominees, that agreed with him, as did much of the crowd. What happened was that there were a few people that did boo Mr. Moore, but the jeers from the crowd were directed towards the folks that sent the original boo, not towards Mr. Moore. I am sure he expected this, as with any political speech, there will be those that agree and disagree. As we go from there, award receipients are only allowed to speak for 45 seconds, so after 45 seconds, the band is forced to begin to play. That is the reason they were playing over him. In fact, many band members apologized to him after the show, but they were just doing their job, and they had to play. Finally, the microphone was NOT "swiftly taken away" as Ms Hauschildt states. Maybe she should watch before stating otherwise, and she would notice that NOBODY touched the microphone. In fact, Jack Valenti (Pres of Motion Picture Assn. of America) COMMENDED Mr. Moore, stating he "wouldn't have expected any less".

While much of the content of this paper is useless drivel, I am very offended at this ignorant misrepresentation and misinformation. Mr. Moore has been an idol of mine for many years, and you just cannot disgrace a man that has a book on the New York Times Best Seller list for the PAST 9 MONTHS, and just won an Academy Award for a documentary that has killed all other box office records. Not to mention that he is doing them both, AT THE SAME TIME. Painfully, I will state that none of us will ever see any of these so-called "critics" come even close to this achievement. I think he deserves much more respect than shown in this paper.

Thank you,
Tim Krueger

Mr. Kruger

First allow me to say thank you for writing in and expressing your right of free speech. Next I'd like to say that your letter was useless drivel, and I am very offended that you would write in just to attack a person for sharing their opinion.

While Michael Moore may have many great ideas, he is not a flawless human. I'm sure Kim Hauschildt would be the first to tell you that she is not flawless either. As for your attacks on our paper... nice writing.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Knockout gas

I just was reading the police beat from the latest Stoutonia (online). I am a former "Stoutonian" myself so I was a little concerned when I saw the thing about the two guys selling perfume. A similar incident happened here in Rochester where I live. To guy had been "selling" perfume but when they sprayed it in the air for people to sample it the fumes would know them out.

The two sales people would rob their victims. I would hate for this to happen to some young college student. Granted it probably be a feeble effort, because if you were like me you don't have any money anyway. But more seriously, Stout is full of fine looking babes and it would be a shame to see one of them spoiled by some hooligan. Just a heads up for you to pass around.

Cory Sherman
Class of 1998 (damn I'm old)
B.A., Graphic Design

Thank you is not enough

There are two very special women on campus who need to be recognized for their outstanding service. To make a long and rather dull story short, I was appealing a decision that was going to keep me here at UW-Stout for an additional year.

I was out of options and nearly out of time. Joan Thomas and Cindy Gilberts were my saving grace. I am not sure how I will ever repay them, but I do know that I am indebted to them for a year of my life.

Though I have already said thank you, my words did not feel like enough. I am not sure when or where, but someday soon I hope to show them how thankful I am.

Thanks again,
Chad Stuart

U.K. ahead of U.S. when it comes to clothes



FARAWAY
Ann Syrstad

Did you know that London is the only place in the world to find creative fashion? That is exactly why I am writing this week on the fashion trends in the United Kingdom. Since being here, I have tried to tell my friends what is up-and-coming with the latest styles. It is hard to be here and not stare at some people just because of the way they dress.

First off, leg warmers are back in style. You may remember seeing ballet dancers wear them. Well, now people wear them for everyday attire and think nothing of it. I have seen many girls wearing them with a fun pair of 'trainers' (their way of saying tennis shoes), bright tights and a skirt. It looks really cute.

Bright colors are also extremely popular, especially fluorescent. Think back to anything you wore in about third grade in regards to color and it is cool over here.

The guys wear their jeans a lot tighter than guys would in the states. They are not overly tight though, just fitted. For girls, stretch is very popular. I have even noticed some extreme stonewash coloring, rather than just plain blue denim.

There are millions of different coats to choose from in the United Kingdom. Many people stick with the color black and choose differing styles. My personal favorite is a black long coat, going down past the knee. Many coats here also have a hood with fur rounding it.

I have noticed that for anyone to be anyone over here, you have got to have a nice looking pair of shoes and a nice coat. It does not really matter what else you are wearing as long as you have the shoes and coat.

When going out to a pub or club, men typically wear a nice button up shirt, wearing the collar up. The patterns on the shirt are also important to take note of. Diagonal-striped shirts are probably the most popular. I have also noticed more and more guys wearing shirts of different shades of pink and purple.

In regards to hairstyles, straight hair is ten times more popular than curly. The girls here wear their hair in cuts similar to Rod Stewart or Bon Jovi. It is cute though and often times extreme highlighting is used to add some attitude and personality. The guy's hair really is not that much different except I've seen a lot more mohawks than I ever would have back home.

Shoes are probably the one thing that people enjoy buying here the most. Many styles of Nike and Puma are available here that one probably could not get back home yet. Be patient though, it is well worth the wait. Although shoes are very expensive here, people seem to be willing to throw down the money. For women stiletto heels, tall boots or sheepskin slouched boots are the thing to wear. The slouched boots are worn over the tops of trousers, rather than tucked inside like we probably would have in America. The boots are also worn with leg warmers, tights and very short miniskirts.

When it comes to accessories, sunglasses are probably the most popular. Many guys wear aviator styled glasses, while girls look for very large pairs that remind me of J-Lo. They are cute though, especially if worn with a fun hat.

Overall, I have noticed a major difference in the fashion styles of America versus the United Kingdom. America seems to be a couple seasons behind, so studying here gave me a perfect chance to forecast what is to come.

Graffiti as a form of art is sadly missing



FATTIEMcGEE
Aleshia Brouwer

Spring is here. But along with the barbecues, volleyballs and swimsuits, there comes a uniquely seasonable art form. As a generally overlooked expression, graffiti is unfortunately hard to find around campus.

The negative connotations that surround the word itself are sometimes tough to overcome in the set minds of young and old alike. Besides the random tagging and vandalism that first comes to mind, the world of spray-cans needs a chance to prove itself.

I recently received a painted graffiti canvas and was overwhelmed by the detail, amusement and talent that I saw in it. Since then I've been on a hunt to see more as we all would be once introduced to something we enjoy.

Last year I spotted a large graffiti mural up by north campus. It was done on the train bridge over the Red Cedar River. Scooby-Doo and the swamp monster were sprayed to life on the bridge. Ironically enough, the scene seemed to fit the surroundings.

However, the issue of vandalism comes up. And of course, nothing is worse than being forced to look at an ugly display of someone else's idea of fun. But just like the legalities of skate boarding that some towns still struggle with, graffiti needs a home too.

So far this year I really haven't seen much new stuff around campus, and I'm kind of bummed out. Places in large cities have entire cement walls dedicated to graffiti murals that change over time as new talent comes up. For being such a strong art school, I'm surprised that the University of Wisconsin-Stout doesn't have that to offer.

So maybe someday more and more graffiti artists will make canvasses and be allowed for display in the art gallery. Even better would be a designated wall. After all, looking at art is a whole lot better than staring at an empty, ugly cement wall.

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Keeping a healthy attitude

Phi Theta Chi promoted breast cancer awareness and other health issues

Tiffany Laschinger
The Stoutonia

Todd Olson, a senior studying vocational rehabilitation at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, has a passion for origami; far more advanced than finger puppets. Olson can fold a jungle of realistic animals.

It all started thirteen years ago with the healing power of the paper crane. A Japanese foreign exchange student made Olson 1,000 paper cranes.

An old Japanese legend says that 1,000 folded cranes brings a wish to whoever finishes. A girl during WWII had folded cranes to cure herself of the Leukemia she was fighting.

Olson was diagnosed with brain cancer when he was 10, but through the therapeutic folding of origami, he fought back. More than a decade later he is close to graduating from UW-Stout.

Olson is also legally blind.

"At the same time my sight was decreasing, I was learning origami," said Olson. "A lot of it I just picked up by feel. So, it was really a healing experience."

Olson set up many of his origami creations at a table located in the Great Hall Tuesday for the Phi Theta Chi Health and Fitness night.

Formerly Women's Health Night, Phi Theta Chi expanded its cancer awareness philanthropy into a night that men can also benefit from. On Tuesday the room was filled with tables set up by local merchants that offered body or mind health tips.

Merchants included the fitness center Curves, which offered a raffle for a free semester pass for one student. The Student Health Services also displayed its services and general health brochures. The Counseling Center offered brochures for coping with a variety of problems.

Neways, a health product distributor located in Clayton, offers 100 percent carcinogenic free products that range from sports nutrition to baby products to pet products.

Natural Foods, located right in downtown Menomonie, offers more than just organic produce. Started in 1973 from a neighborhood-buying club that bought food in bulk to save money, Natural Foods offers information on cancer-fighting foods and healthy cooking recipes.



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

(top right) **Natural foods provided information on healthy eating.** (middle) **Curves displayed the difference in fat and muscle.** (lower left) **Todd Olson presented his origami creations.**



"We would like to tell Stout students what we have," said Jackie Williams, the financial manager and member of Natural Foods. "We have healthy mac and cheese."

Many organic food stores have higher prices, and on a college student's limited budget, quality is substituted for the bargain dollar.

"We're getting bigger so we get bigger discounts from our supplier, so our prices are overall going down," said Williams. "A lot of the things cost more, generally because they don't have all the cheap fillers like sugar or shortening and flour. It's a lot higher quality [food]."

Patrons can become members to receive discounts, but a membership is not required to shop.

Booths also included many different types of cancer awareness, health tips on fad diet and how to eat wholesome foods, along with male body image.

At 8 p.m. local shop owner and reiki master, Lori Halpin, gave a talk on how the power of an ancient Japanese healing ritual can help to relax a patient under a reiki master.

Although a small turn out, Phi Theta Chi felt the night was a well rounded health trip for those that attended and took advantage of the information and merchants they provided.

The Fake News

Mother Nature officially has "a bug up her ass"

K2 theFK
The Stoutonia

Beth Johanes, a senior apparel design major at the University of Wisconsin-Stout, was not the least bit surprised Wednesday afternoon by the sudden down pour of rain. In fact, she had predicted it a week earlier.

"As everyone else was putting away their warm clothes, I knew something was wrong," said Johanes, a self-proclaimed 'earth-child.'

Johnes had been telling friends for days that "the earth was not in balance" and that "mother was not in a good mood."

Many dismissed this as pointless hippy-talk, but the recent forecasts have proven there may have been something to her statements.

"I just thought it was all that damn soy she was eating talking," said Anne Carlson, a freshman applied math major who is in the GreenSense organization with Johnes. "I guess she might have a closer connection to her center than we realized."

As the temperature has sky-rocketed and plummeted in a matter of two-days, it is reasonable to believe that Mother Nature may in fact have a bug up her ass.

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Campus Slant

"If you could choose one professor to fire and one to keep, who would they be?



"Fire-Glen Miller-he belongs in high school. Keep-the industrial design staff, they push you."
~Nick Marhand,
sr., industrial design



"Fire-Glen Fox-he doesn't know how to deal with students. Keep-Judy Rommel, she's the best."
~Beth Sabelko
soph., undescided



"Fire-Patrick Liebergen. Keep-Stephen Nold and Kenneth Parejko"
~Megan Nygaard
fr., business

"Fire-Tammy Newcomb. Keep-Tom Skulley."
~Ric Volp
jr., multi-media design



Next Week:

If you could skip one major class, what would it be?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Bug in Mother Nature's hind-quarters causes cold

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"No comment," said Mother Nature in a telephone interview. "I mean, I don't have to answer to you people. I know what you bastards did to Jack Frost. You put him in that ridiculous movies and I'm amazed he even has a job anymore."

Nature was clearly irritable and continued on her tirade.

"Remember Captain Planet?" said Nature, "Of course you do. Earth, wind, water, fire, heart. What a bunch of crap. What about me? I was frickin' hot."

In a poll of 18-24 year-old males, 78% agreed that Mother Nature was "frickin' hot" in Captain Planet.

As to her own medical condition, Nature refused to go into much detail.

"I've had that not so fresh feeling as of late," said Nature. "I just wish there was some way of getting that millipede out of my...no comment."

The campus continues to hold it's breath as they look to Mother Nature as the perverbial groundhog. In the next few weeks it is estimated the temperature may fluctuate 50 degrees if it continues to follow the current trends.



by Trow_, The Stoutonia

File photo of Mother Nature with what are presumed to be some of the bugs that may have flown up her ass.

"How will I pay for my frivolous summer spending?"



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

As the weeks dwindle down and professors pile on the workload, my excitement for summer is beginning to be replaced with this foreboding fear.

Where am I going to work?

I spent hours putting together my resume to get a job/internship at a newspaper or magazine around the cities. Preparing a resume for a journalism job is far more difficult than a standard `hire me' letter.

I am applying for a job that requires me to be a creative writer, so my cover letter needed an edge that took me two weeks to write. I also needed to include a few clips of my published work, so I sifted through my portfolio of 70 some stories I have written for *The Stoutonia* throughout the past four semesters.

So, after hunting down the managing editors and eliminating the unpaid internships, I sent off my large envelopes. I am worrying because I waited so long to send these resumes out. I began working on them in January with plenty of response time, but that procrastinating bug took over and three months passed before my eyes.

I plan to ask my uncle who owns a lawn care service if he needs any help because working outdoors sounds good to me.

I figure I should probably look for some other form of employment if my first two options fall through, but where? I have many different options around my hometown, but the application process is hard when you go to school five days out of the week, an hour and a half away.

If all else fails, I could go back to the same place I started four years ago. I have worked at Mervyn's for four continuous summers, three of which I swore I would find another job.

But, alas, I am a lifer. I suppose I will always be employed at the Merv, because I could never give up my discount.

I have four weeks to find an income that can cover my rent, bills and frivolous summer spending.

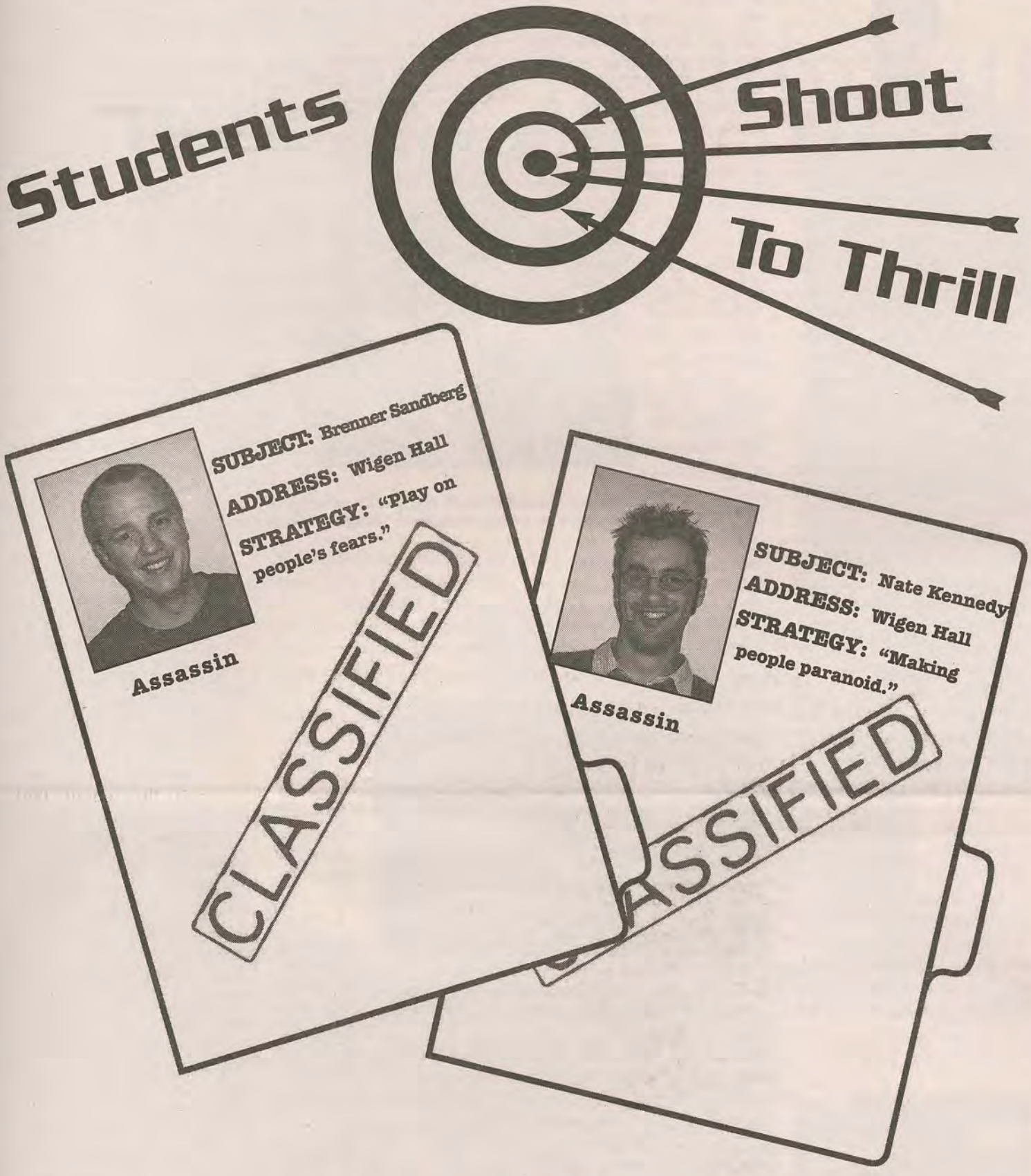
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Wigen Hall hosts Assassins game for the second time this school year

Matt Schubbe
Kira Peterson
The Stoutonia

Assassins is not your average game. It is filled with secret partnerships, paranoia and of course, assassinations. Recently, residents of the University of Wisconsin-Stout's Wigen Hall began playing the game again that has also been featured in JTC and South Halls over the course of this year.

The first round of Assassins was a success so the residence life staff of Wigen decided to give the game another go.

"After a popular first round, we felt as a staff that a second round in Wigen would be warranted to continue the success and getting people to know each other," said Adam Thiel, a sophomore in telecommunications.

In its second time around this year, Assassins began on Wednesday, Apr. 2 with the creation of profiles for each of the 16 players; a minimum of 10 players is needed to begin each round of the game. The profile consists of a picture of the player and a form filled out by that person including information such as their name, room number and the locations of some of their classes. Players also had to give $1 to play. The winner will receive the pool of money collected; so, the more participants, the more money the winner receives.

When the profiles of the players were completed, they were given to Jean Cerkovnik, who also resides in Wigen, to be organized so that no one would receive their own.

Each player received the profile of another player at midnight on Sunday, Apr. 6. Players could not officially start until quiet hours ended the next morning at 10 a.m.

The goal of the game is to "assassinate" your target by putting an "Assassins" sticker on the target's body. There are also "Safe Zones" on campus where players cannot be assassinated such as dining halls, classrooms and bathrooms.

Deception can often be an important factor in the game.

"Because the game relies on the honor system you can lie about your targets," said Nate Kennedy, a freshman majoring in telecommunications. "Seeing other people's paranoia is comical."

A winner is chosen when there is only one person left. Toying with people to end up on top is a key strategy for some.

"[The best aspect of the game] is playing on people's fears," said Brenner Sandberg, a sophomore manufacturing and engineering major.

Many players also form alliances to try to increase their chances of winning.

"Two guys on my floor are together to try and win," said Allison Hilmer, a freshman studio art major.

No clear winner has been determined yet, as many players are still "alive." The game officially ends Wednesday, Apr. 30, so keep an eye out for who wins the latest round of Assassins.

The 411

Apr. 17 - Apr. 24

Thursday, Apr. 17
• 7:30 a.m., The Chippewa Valley Intercity Passenger Rail Committee, **Passenger Rail Service in the Chippewa Valley**, Government Center (Judicial Center)- 615 Stokke Parkway, Menomonie

Friday, Apr. 18
• 12 p.m., **AAU Boy's Spring Great Lakes Shootout**, Johnson Fieldhouse

• 7 p.m., **Red Cedar Speedway Season Opener**

Saturday, Apr. 19
• 8:00 - 9:45 a.m., Menomonie Optimist Club, **Breakfast with the Easter Bunny**, Wakanda Park Elementary School, $2 per breakfast

• 10 a.m., Menomonie Lion's Club **Easter Egg Hunt**, Wakanda Park

Sunday, Apr. 20
no events scheduled

Monday, Apr. 21
• 7 p.m., **Un Chien Andalou**, Foreign Film Series, Great Hall, MSC, Free

Tuesday, Apr. 22
Earth Day
• 3-6 p.m., **Campus Litter Pick-up**, get bags/help out in front of Library Learning Center

• 4 p.m., **Galloway Creek Clean Up**, meet in front of Applied Arts

• 6:30 p.m., **Excellence in Education Banquet**, Great Hall, tickets 715-235-9087

Wednesday, Apr. 23
• 9:30 - 10 a.m., **Hewlett Packard's Spring Product Show**, Crystal Ballroom A, MSC

• 10 - 11:30 a.m., **Hewlett Packard's Spring Product Show**, Crystal Ballroom A, MSC, refreshments

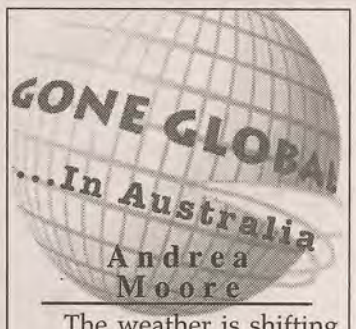
• 2 - 3:30 p.m., **Hewlett Packard's Spring Product Show**, Crystal Ballroom A, MSC, refreshments

Thursday, Apr. 24
• 6 p.m., **Battle of the Bands**, Pawn Patio, local music, Free

• 7 p.m., **Lucy Kaplansky & Susan Werner**, musicians, Mabel Tainter Memorial Theater

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to Belinda @ Stoutonia or lewisb@uwstout.edu

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The weather is shifting into fall and the upcoming winter season. The average temperature is 20° C, which roughly converts to 60-65° F.

The aussies definitely have American fast food places like McDonald's, but they are generally looked upon as "seedy" or "dodgey" places, meaning not so clean or dependable. The fresh food markets are wonderful for "fruit and veg" shopping, as well as food courts that offer falafels, which is a combination of beetroot, pineapple, chicken, alfalfa sprouts, mayo/mustard, sweet chilli sauce, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, onion and shredded carrot. It is then rolled up like a burrito in flat bread to make a very "yum" sandwich, as the aussies would say.

My favorite is a kebab. There are a variety of kebabs including seafood, lamb, vegetarian and chicken. Take two huge burrito-type wraps, throw in meat and add any vegetable you want (similar to a falafel) and top it off with a choice of sauces. Then, the kebab is thrown onto a grill to steam the edges and you have yourself a "tops" meal.

The students here tend to eat more balanced meals than what I'm used to in Wisconsin. The only frozen meals bought are meat pies, all the rest is fresh "fruit and veg," pasta and meat. Meat pies are exactly what they are called, meat in a mini pie. As a general rule, they are very tasty, but I lost my appetite for them when I found out that only 75 percent of the meat is not really meat at all, just the leftover offcuts from the animal.

Other variations in food is that my flatmates put mint sauce on their baked potatoes, butter is used frequently in place of mayo and eggs are not refrigerated—not even in the grocery stores! And when potato salad is offered, it's eaten by putting it between two pieces of buttered bread as a sandwich.

I can see how some of you might have misgivings about this food that I've just listed, but in reality they have been some of the best meals that I have ever tried and I intend to bring some of the traditions back home with me.

Rage against the therapist



PUREJUICE
Bill Denney

I guess it's no surprise that Jack Nicholson and Adam Sandler find themselves working together in a movie entitled "Anger Management." After all, both stars have become experts in fits of rage for comedic effect. Sandler, in fact, has had several movies built around his characters' losses of temper, and Nicholson became a gossip-page regular with his real life golf-club-to-windshield routine.

In one scene, Nicholson even manages to poke fun of that once famous news item, as his character briefly stops to choose between a golf club or a baseball bat as his car-smashing weapon of choice. He chooses the bat.

It's in scenes like this that "Anger" works best, with his Jackness ripping loose and re-Jacking himself to full Jack mode, having a few laughs along the way. The sight of Nicholson in a dumbass Sandler movie, strange though it may be, is pretty interesting stuff, mainly because Nicholson gives it his all and then some, proving he can clown around with the best of them.

Sandler plays Dave Buznik, a quiet doormat of a guy who's accused of air rage. He's then sentenced to undergo anger management therapy, which is led by goofball shrink Buddy Rydell (Nicholson). Buddy's a strange one, and his abrasive behavior brings out Dave's inner hostility.

Worse yet, Buddy seems to have a rage problem all his own.

That's pretty much all there is to the picture; the script, by newcomer David Dorfman, is nothing more than a series of random silly scenes and general Sandler no-plot nuttiness. This wouldn't be so bad, except the best gag the script has to offer is a scene where Nicholson and Sandler sing "I Feel Pretty." Dorfman then repeats this song three or four more times throughout the movie, making it less funny with each time; not something you want to do with one of your only jokes that work.

While the screenplay lands with a thud, the supporting cast adds enough goof-off energy to make for a few smiles. The awesome John Turturro appears as Dave's anger ally, a hot- tempered half-Irish, half-Italian, half-Mexican lowlife who earns a few giggles.

John C. Reilly wins some smiles with his turn as a former bully who's now a Buddhist monk.

Woody Harrelson gets a few laughs via a cameo appearance as a German transvestite hooker, but not because he's given good jokes, but because, hey, it's Woody Harrelson as a German transvestite hooker, and that's a damn funny image.

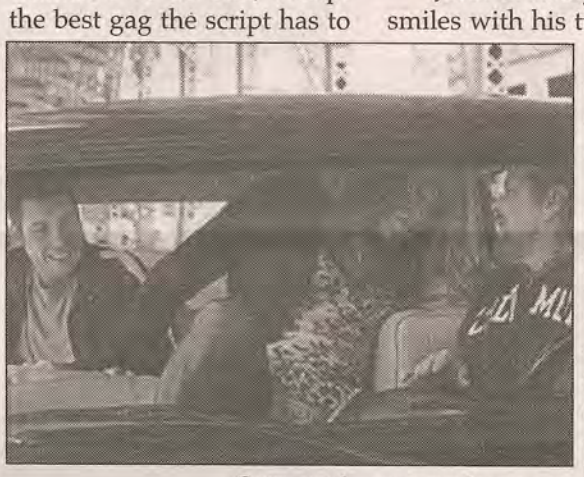
So yeah, I chuckled more than I have at a Sandler movie recently, but it still wasn't enough for me to recommend the film. The rest of the story which includes a subplot involving Dave's girlfriend (Marisa Tomei) being courted by an obnoxious rival (Alan Covert)—is a snoozer; it felt as if it was being made up as the filmmakers went along.

There's a revelation at the end that makes so little sense, I had to wonder what it was doing in the movie at all. I suppose it sounded nifty at the time they filmed it. While Nicholson is a treat in any movie, he's stuck surrounded by uninspired sight gags and lame penis jokes that left me yawning. Note to the filmmakers: If King Jack's going to do you the service of stepping down to your level, the best you could do is work harder to make it worth his and our while.



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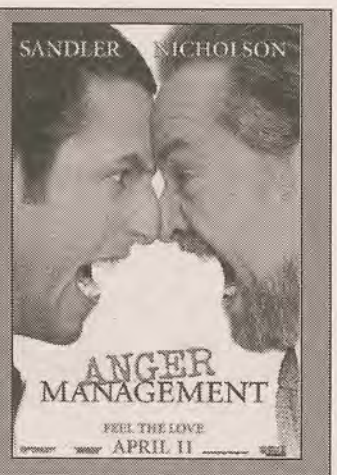
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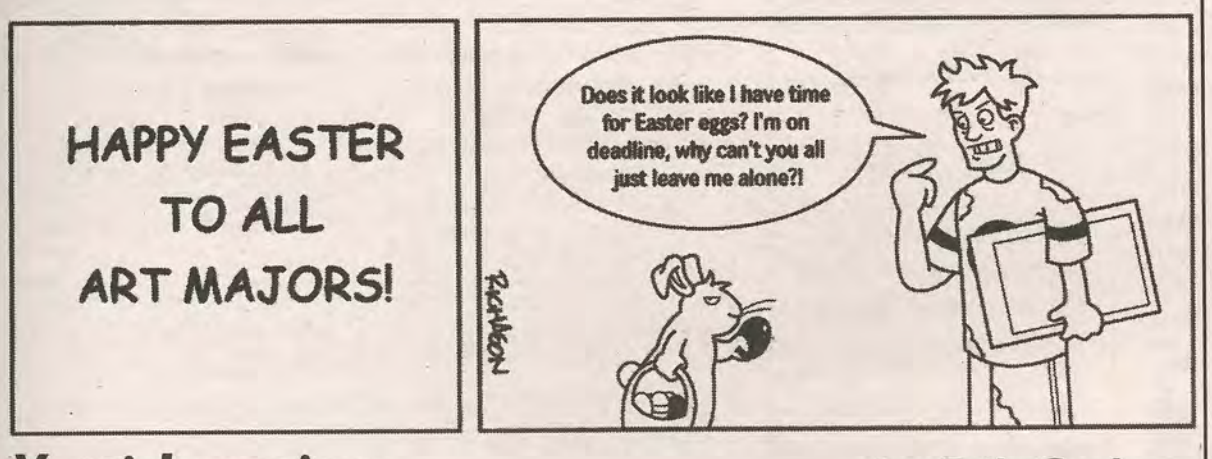
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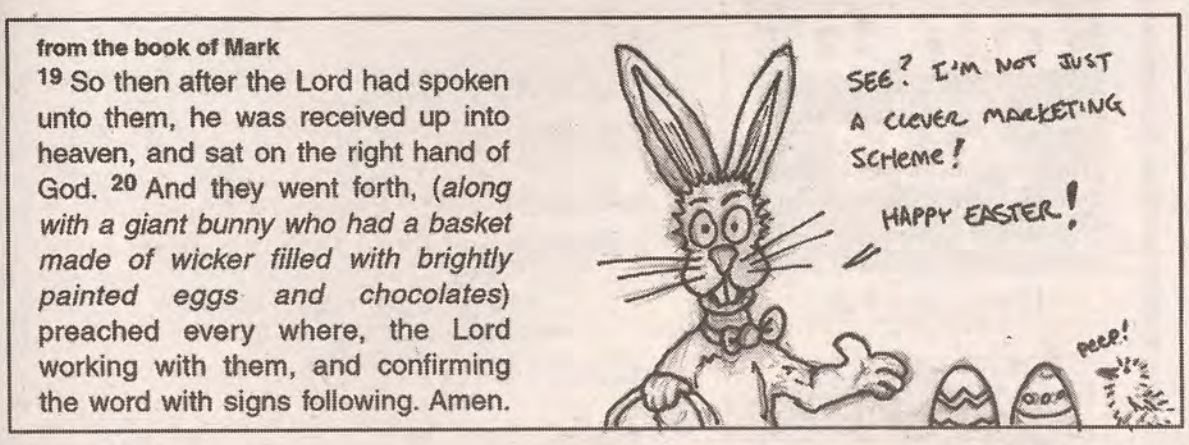
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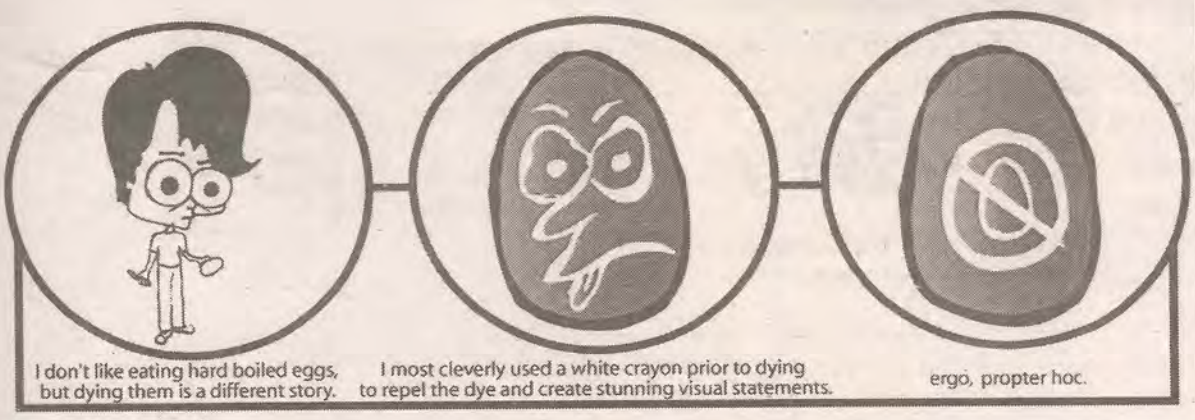
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Reviewing the week in sports

Jimmy Weideman
The Stoutonia

Women's Track and Field

Saturday, April 12, the University of Wisconsin-Stout women's track and field traveled to an unscored meet, the Lee Krought Invitational hosted by Gustavus Adolphus in St. Peter, Minn.

Stout had four top five finishes. Sophomore Ann Schachtner placed 4th in the discus throw (122', 10"), as well as a 3rd in the shot put (39' 4.50"). Sophomore Marci Schachtner placed 5th in the hammer throw (143'-2") and freshmen Ashley Juleff placed 5th in the 100-meter dash (13.67 seconds).

UW-Stout will be at the St. Olaf Invitational Fri., April 18.

Men's Track and Field

Senior Eric Moe for the second consecutive meet won the long jump at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. Moe and the UW-Stout track and field team traveled to UW-La Crosse for the Phil Esten Challenge on Sat., April 12.

Moe won the long jump with a leap of 21', 10.25", winning by five inches. Moe won the event two days earlier in a meet in La Crosse and finished 2nd in the triple jump (43'-9.75").

The Blue Devils got second place finishes from junior Nate Templer in the 100-meter (10.93-seconds), freshmen Brian Anderson in the 110-hurdles (15.80), junior Jay Sitek in the high jump (5'-10.75"), freshmen Scott Jensen in the javelin (147'-6") and junior Lewis Cassellius with a provisional qualifying height in the pole vault (15'-7").

The Blue Devils had a few third place finishers: sophomore Matt Schlough in the 200-meter race (22.79) and freshmen Jason Hotujec in the javelin (136'-9").

UW-Stout will be at the Carleton Relays, Fri., April 18.



courtesy of, *Sports Information*

The softball team won against River Falls last Tuesday. Their next game will be Friday, April 18 at Hamline.

Women's Softball

University of Wisconsin-Stout took advantage of a University at Wisconsin-River Falls error to win game one 2-1 of a conference doubleheader and UW-River Falls used back-to-back triples to secure the second game 3-0 Tue., April 15, at Wakanda Park.

In the opener, with two outs in the third inning, junior Scooter Aspen hit a hard shot for UW-Stout (12-13, 3-5) to first base. The shot base was backhanded off the glove, advancing junior Kim Caswell to third. Aspen stole second and sophomore Kaela Wold brought the pair home with a single to right field for all the runs freshmen Megan Donley would need to secure her ninth win of the season.

Donley allowed no walks and had only six hits throughout the game. River Falls scored their lone run in the sixth inning.

In the nightcap, River Falls scored a single run in the fifth, and then used two consecutive triples to set up two runs in the sixth.

UW-Stout will host UW-Superior, Thur., April 17 at 3 p.m., weather permitting, and will host Hamline, Fri., April 18 at 11 a.m.

Brewers/ trying to turn things around

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ished 56-106, their worst finish in franchise history. They finished in last place, 41 games behind the St. Louis Cardinals who won the National League Central Division.

"The Milwaukee Brewers rock, man," said Jon Larson, a junior majoring in technology education. "They are always interesting to watch."

This season the Brewers are looking at the sun over the horizon. This is a new season and a new chance for opportunities.

New Brewers' manager, Ned Yost, who was recently with the Atlanta Braves organization, will not let the team give up and will do everything he can as a manger for the team to be successful.

Hopefully, the team's lineup for the season will break some barriers.

Brewers' leaders Richie Sexson, Geoff Jenkins, Royce Clayton, Eric Young and Ben Sheets are an attempt to put together a winning combination. This, along with the rest of the team, may make for an exciting 2003 season.

"The future looks promising because the Brewers' minor leagues have a lot of promising talent," said Mike Weisenbeck, a sophomore in business management. "Ben Sheets, the Brewers' pitcher, although he is struggling now he has the potential to be a Hall of Famer."

With the "brew-crew" heading into their second full season at Miller Park, Wis. should be well represented.

With new players, a new manager, new coaches and the young arms of promising pitchers, the Brewers have reason to be looking up from the bottom of the National League Central Division.

"The Brewers have a lot of potential," said Joe Huiting, a junior in technology education. "With the additions of Royce Clayton, John Vander Wal, Wes Helms, they are finally putting the pieces together."

The Brewers' season has not started much like fans would like but there is still a lot of baseball to be played. The National League Central is full of great teams, and even though the Brewers are sitting amongst the bottom of the central division, they are bound to turn things around.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Eric Moe

The Facts:
Mens Track and Field
Senior
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Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Senior Eric Moe competes for UW-Stout's Men's Track and Field team in the jumping events. For the second consecutive meet, the senior won the long jump at a meet in La Crosse, this time taking the title at the Phil Esten Challenge, Saturday, April 12.

Moe bested the field with a leap of 21-feet, 10.25-inches, winning by five inches. Moe won the event two days earlier in a meet in La Crosse. Moe also finished second in the triple jump (43'-9.75").

Moe also plays for the UW-Stout football team. Last year he was named second team all-conference, set school career record for interceptions and earned WIAC player of the week honors, among other thing.

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Brewers add members

Ryan Wessley
The Stoutonia

Many people are fans of the Minnesota Twins. However, it is important to remember the loyal fans of the Milwaukee Brewers. The Brewers once had the "blond bombers" known as Jeremy Burnitz, now with the New York Mets, and current Brewers Richie Sexson and Geoff Jenkins.

Since then, one player has been traded and the two remaining bombers have yet to bring Milwaukee superstar potential. Jenkins was hurt a good portion of the season last year and it was difficult for Sexson to carry the load.

When the Brewers started last season, their coach was Davey Lopes but he was fired during the middle of the season. Coaching was taken over by Jerry Royster and after the Brewers' season ended, so did his coaching responsibilities. Last season the Brewers' fin-

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courtesy of, http://www.milwaukeebrewers.com

Milwaukee Brewers have been adding new members to their team this season and look forward to a fresh start.

Sports Schedule

Friday, April 18
- Softball vs. Hamline, 11 a.m.
- Baseball at UW-Whitewater, 1 p.m.
- M Track & Field at Carleton Relays, 10 a.m.
- W Track & Field at St. Olaf Invite, TBA

Monday, April 21
- Softball vs. UW-Superior, 3 p.m.
- Tennis at Macalester, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 23
- Softball at UW-Eau Claire, 4 p.m.
- Baseball at UW-La Crosse, 1 p.m.

Saturday, April 26
- Softball host UW-Oshkosh at WIAC Cluster Tournament, Menomonie, 10 a.m.
- Softball host UW-Whitewater at WIAC Cluster Tournament, Menomonie, 2 p.m.
- M & W Track & Field at UW-La Crosse Classic, 11 a.m.
- Baseball at UW-Oshkosh, Noon

Sunday, April 27
- Softball host UW-Platteville at WIAC Cluster Tournament, Menomonie, 1 p.m.
- Softball host UW-Stevens Point at WIAC Cluster Tournament, Menomonie, 5 p.m.
- Baseball at UW-Oshkosh, Noon

Tuesday, April 29
- Baseball at Viterbo University, 1 p.m.

Wednesday, April 30
- Tennis at UW-River Falls, 3:30 p.m.
- Baseball at UW-Superior, 1 p.m.

Friday, May 2
- Tennis vs. Martin Luther, 3:30 p.m.
- Softball at WIAC Tournament, Platteville, TBA
- M & W Track & Field at WIAC Championships, Stevens Point, 11 a.m.

Saturday, May 3
- Softball at WIAC Tournament, Platteville, TBA
- Baseball vs. Concordia-Mequon, Noon
- M & W Track & Field at WIAC Championships, Stevens Point, 11 a.m.

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National Guard soldiers practice real operations during their weekend training.

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Four-year thief caught

Amy Koeppe
The Stoutonia

The safe, small-town atmosphere of living in Menomonie is something that most University of Wisconsin-Stout students take for granted. For eight female students, it has felt anything but safe since last Thanksgiving.

Twenty-two-year-old UW-Stout student Anthony Scholfield was arrested on Sunday for felony burglary and criminal damage to property for breaking into a rental home on Eighth Street East.

Scholfield broke into the home over Thanksgiving, spring break and attempted a third time over Easter, when police finally caught him. While this is the only house he's broken into, a search of his apartment by police revealed 854 pair of underwear, apparently collected over the past four years.

"We feared for our lives and started carrying mace everywhere and locking our doors 24 hours a day," said resident Sara Kimmes, a junior in family consumer science education. "We went through living in fear since Thanksgiving."

What has been portrayed by many as a harmless "panty raid" is more serious than one might think. According to the residents of the home, in addition to 140 pair of underwear stolen, there were two broken windows and damage to all eight bedroom doors and surrounding woodwork. During the two successful break-ins, pictures were missing or knocked down, beds were messed up and the evidence of masturbation was left behind in one of the bedrooms.

"It's the worst feeling ever," said resident Kristina Blohm, a senior in business. "It's a very bad invasion of privacy; what else is more personal than your underwear?"



Courtesy of http://www.thesmokinggun.com/

Senior Anthony Scholfield was arrested early Sunday morning after breaking into a Menomonie home. Police later found 854 pairs of women's underwear in his home.

Scholfield, who is out on a $5,000 signature bond, has a no-contact order against the residents, all of which he knew previous to the break-ins.

"He was one of my good guy friends," said resident Kelly Rutar, a graduate of UW-Stout. "It could've been anybody; we hoped it was a stranger, not someone we knew."

Since the first break-in at Thanksgiving, the ladies have had difficulty going on with every day life.

"We have had nightmares and sleepless nights," said resident Jessica

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Plan 2008 in place to increase diversity

Aleshia Brouwer
The Stoutonia

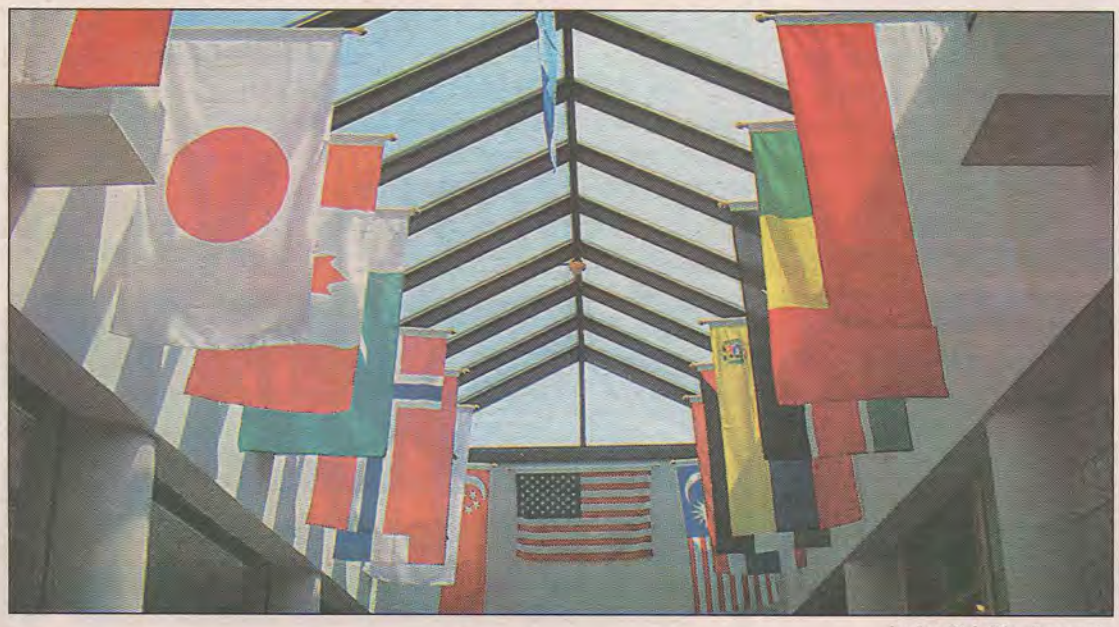
It's no secret that the University of Wisconsin-Stout has fewer minority students on campus than traditional ones. According to the United States 2000 census, the state of Wisconsin is composed of 88 percent white persons. This is more than reflected in admissions numbers.

However, in an effort to have multicultural groups more represented on campus, the UW system has implemented a plan referred to as Plan 2008.

The plan's main objective at UW-Stout is to increase the number of students of color who apply, are accepted and enroll.

"We do a lot of orientation for them to get connected with the university," said Mary Riordan, director of multicultural student services.

The plan includes seven main goals involving specified recruitment for underrepresented groups, extra help to keep them in school and increased financial aid. It also calls to increase the number of faculty, staff and administrators of color.



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

This display of flags in the student center celebrates the home countries of international students at UW-Stout. Ethnic Americans comprise 4.2 percent of the student body.

Plan 2008 calls for $400,000 yearly. These are funds that come from the UW-Stout foundation board and the Chancellor's office.

Although the plan hopes to bring diversity, not everyone on campus feels the need to be categorized.

Ryan Peterson, a junior in technical communication, is a minority on campus who explains his reasons for not becoming active with diversity programs.

"I guess I just don't feel the need to be classified," said Peterson. "I'm no different a student. My skin color has nothing to do with my abilities."

The admissions office is also familiar with the plan. When looking over applications they must decide whether or not the student is qualified and likely to finish their education here. They don't feel much change in their role at the university since the plan has been implemented.

"I don't think Plan 2008 limits us in any way," said Barbara Tuchel, assistant director of admissions. "I see Plan 2008 as a way to make positive changes. But we have to know if they are a qualified candidate."

Currently quotas are not in place at UW-Stout. This means that the admissions office isn't required to let in a certain amount of students from particular backgrounds. But regardless, the university still focuses efforts and funds at targeting these groups.

"I think an individual should be focused on their merits and not the minority group they belong to," said Peterson.

Students of color as well

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Weekend Weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday
High 64° Low 39° Partly Cloudy	High 66° Low 47° Partly Cloudy	High 66° Low 47° Scattered Showers

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A cleaner campus



Contributed photo

In celebration of Earth Day a group of students picked up garbage around the UW-Stout campus and the Menomonie community. They collected two truckloads of garbage.

Amy Koeppe
The Stoutonia

Thanks to the efforts of 17 campus organizations, the University of Wisconsin-Stout and surrounding community is litter-free after an Earth Day clean up held on Tuesday, April 22.

Co-sponsored by the Blue Devil Collegiate 4-H Club, Green Sense and the UW-Stout Grounds Crew, 160 people participated in the clean up from 3-6 p.m. Other campus organizations, including many UW-Stout sports teams, also volunteered their time to help out.

According to 4-H member Tiffani Calmes, a senior in family and consumer sciences education, the garbage collected and filled six large bags of recyclables.

"We're really happy with how much we collected," said Calmes. "Normally the grounds crew would be paid to pick all this up, so this way we saved them money."

With the UW-Stout Grounds Crew donating bags and the 4-H Club providing gloves, participants scattered throughout campus, the surrounding community and part of the lakeshore to collect garbage. The Green Sense Club even picked items as small as cigarette butts.

With so much participation, Calmes said this could definitely become an annual event for the 4-H Club.

"It's a great way to bridge the gap with other groups on campus," said Calmes. "Thank you to all volunteers who helped out with the clean up."

Diversity / Plan goes into next phase

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as underrepresented groups are encouraged to study at UW-Stout. The overall goal is to get these groups represented on campus in proportion to the population out in the real world.

Terry Karis, professor and chairperson of the diversity education committee, feels that there is always more to be learned about diversity.

"We do talk about the plan as a way we can promote diversity education," said Karis. "I think a lot of us on the committee have had students come and talk to us about things of concern on campus."

Over the past few years enrollment of colored persons has risen by almost 2 percent. This is an encouraging sign for those passionate about the program.

Also encouraging is that application from these targeted groups have risen by 35-40 percent. This is due largely to strong recruitment commitment, and pre-college programs for minorities and underrepresented groups in the seventh through tenth grades.

"We figure if we get more applications the opportunity to enroll these students is better," said Riordan.

Access Stout still has bugs

Tim Solfest
The Stoutonia

The first software version was not user friendly; in the second edition the product was made better.

I monitor the progress through my e-mail account.

We designed a tutorial to assist in operating the program.

Have you figured out who said these things yet? These phrases all came from Jeff Kirschling, the director of registration and records, in reference to registering classes online through Access Stout.

Registration and records launched the online program in Fall of 2000 and approximately 40 percent of students took advantage of the program. In the current registration process, nearly 74 percent of students registered for the Fall 2003 classes online. This is largely due to increasing familiarity with Access Stout and the integration of the laptop initiative.

Technology has its advantages and disadvantages. According to registration guru Tony Schlemm, registering online is convenient. "The computer recognizes when legitimate conflicts arise such as holds, overlapping classes and classes that are out of sequence," said Schlemm.

However, Schlemm said there are time-conflict problems when this happens. He takes students at their word and fixes it for them. He has experienced an increase in calls regarding concerns with online registration compared to previous years.

Kirschling says that the reason for errors in time conflicts is due to the academic programs making changes in class meeting times. According to Kirschling, Access Stout automatically recognizes the scheduling of one class relative to every course offered.

"The amount of time that it would take to reconfigure the timetables for the classes would not make the changes feasible," said Kirschling.

Kirschling's advice for students is to plan ahead and make sure holds are cleared.

Theft / Student caught

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Molumby, a sophomore in early childhood. "It's hard to trust a guy or get close to someone because of this."

A May 20 court date is set for Scholfield. Until then, many questions still go unanswered.

"He's sick and wrong in the head and he needs help," said Blohm. "We want to know why he did this."

Two of the eight residents were good friends with Scholfield, while the other six knew him.

"It's the worst feeling to be betrayed by a friend," said Kimmes.

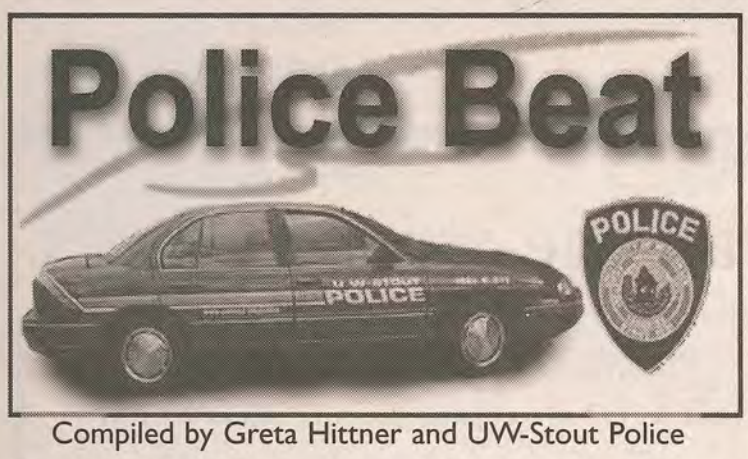
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Computer case violated
Police responded on April 16 to a call from the Library Learning Center about someone trying to remove hardware from a computer. The Gateway tower had pry marks on its side from the attempts to open the case. A library staff member removed the cover of the tower and determined that nothing had been removed.

Vandalized playground
The head teacher at the Infant and Toddler Lab reported to police on April 17 that someone had entered the playground area on the south side of the building over the weekend. The unknown person damaged two pieces of playground equipment. A plastic picnic table was put on a high post and the slide was dislodged from the play structure.

Car stolen from lot
A student reported on April 18 that someone removed his car from UW-Stout Parking Lot 34. The 1999 white two-door Honda Civic was taken between 5 p.m. April 17 and 3 p.m. April 18. Parking lots of South campus were searched, but the car was not found.

Superglued door
A Fleming Hall Resident Advisor reported to police that over the weekend of April 18-20 her door had been superglued shut. The campus locksmith was able to open and repair the door. The RA suspects two residents in Fleming Hall who have been causing her ongoing trouble. The Hall director was notified of the situation and will make inquiries to find more information about the incident.

Leased laptops stolen
On April 21 two students reported that their UW-Stout issued laptops were stolen from their dorm rooms. One student in Fleming Hall said he left the room for a couple minutes and did not lock the door. He does not know who would have stolen his computer. The second student from Wigen Hall said the theft would have occurred sometime between 8:45 p.m. and 9:10 p.m. on April 21. He checked his floor and did not find the laptop.

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Chancellor interviews at Ferris State

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

University of Wisconsin-Stout Chancellor Charles Sorensen participated in an open forum Tuesday afternoon at Ferris State University in Big Rapids, Mich.

The forum wasn't about the budget crunch or the laptop initiative, however. Sorensen is one of three finalists for the position of president at Ferris State, a career-oriented public university with a student body of 11,000.

Sorensen is the second administrator from UW-Stout to interview for a presidential position this spring. Provost Robert Sedlak was interviewed in March at Millersville University in Pennsylvania.

"People in positions like ours often receive inquiries about our interests in looking at positions at other institutions," said Sedlak. "Very few are ever given much consideration. I think the opportunity at Ferris State is one of those rare instances where there is such a good match between the institution and the individual."

Ferris State's mission of meeting the technological and work force demands of business and industry is very similar to UW-Stout's mission.

Michigan is also facing a budget crisis, but according to Sedlak, Michigan has different political policies that affect higher education so there are strategies that could work there that wouldn't work in Wisconsin.

Although Sorensen has been absent from the university because of this forum, university spokesman John Enger said Sorensen remains committed to UW-Stout and helping it through tough financial times.

"The chancellor is continuing to speak out about our budget concerns," Enger said. "Many of the legislative contacts we need to make have already taken place, so the message has been sent widely and clearly."

Sorensen has been chancellor at UW-Stout since 1988. In 1997 he was finalist for the position of president at Northern Michigan University, but he dropped out of the running. He was also interviewed at Western Illinois University in 1993.

The other two candidates for the Ferris State position have their forums this week and next. Ferris State will announce its decision on May 9.

Chancellor Sorensen
by-the-numbers



1 The number of times the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award was given to a university. UW-Stout recieved it in 2002.

5 The number of chancellors at UW-Stout before Sorensen.

15 The number of years that Sorensen has been the chancellor at UW-Stout.

19 The number of members on the Chancellor's Advisory Council.

1996 The year that the Faculty Senate took a vote of "no confidence" against the chancellor.

1,308 The number of incoming freshmen in the first year of the laptop initiative.

7,902 The official number of students enrolled at UW-Stout.

172,500 The salary Sorensen earned this year.

99,000,000 The approximate budget (in dollars) of UW-Stout that Sorensen manages as chief executive officer.

Facts compiled by Amanda Herr and Tim Solfest

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Looking for work in all the wrong places

Looking around campus one might find a few new faces next year. With a budget nightmare hanging over the heads of the university's cheif decision makers, there might be some departures in the near future.

Earlier this year Provost Sedlak was interviewing for a job at another school, and now Chancellor Sorensen is a candidate for a position with another university.

Timing guys.

It isn't that the university's two leaders are looking elsewhere in a time of need, wait, yes it is.

Didn't the Chancellor just get a raise last year to keep him here at the wonderful "we have 15 school days where the tempature is above 70" university?

Our students were so excited when our universtiy was honored by receiving the Baldridge award. Among others, we had our Provost and Chancellor to thank for that award.

They brought us a couple of really great partnerships with Apple and Compaq.

They made us a one drink pony with a Pepsi partnership.

Most recently they unleashed the power of One on the unsespecting campus populuce.

Great. Thanks guys.



We understand that the idea behind the partnerships is to better the campus, but were these contracts the best way?

Now here's a thought. Why can't Sedlak and Sorensen ride off into the sunset? Pull a John Elway of sorts.

They set up many a contract for us, now they can take the slow walk into the west.

Are you ready for the Left in 2004?



LEFTOUT
Belinda Lewis

Regimes of fear and terror should be annihilated by the people they oppress. That's why I'm voting democratic for 2004.

If you don't think you've been terrorized or pumped full of propaganda by our current administration, ask yourself a question. Have I recently had negative feelings for someone who has different opinions than my own in regards to Operation Iraqi Freedom?

The republican administration can argue that war improves the economy, but starting a war is petty. What would it do for our economy if we put $20 billion into education? It has been proven that every dime put into education pays itself back plus some.

Back to the 2004 elections. I mentioned that I will vote democratic. This doesn't necessarily mean I am a democrat, since labeling is against my liberal nature. I am going to help the Democratic Party. Our president is clueless towards the two things I hold dearl, education and the environment. I like to call them, "the future."

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2002 tightens the belt on federal funding for struggling schools and makes it more difficult to become a teacher. With state budgets in crisis, the lack of support at the federal level has forced many districts in the area to lay off employees and cut programs. I am not against raising the bar on public education, but being more astringent and less financially giving is not the right equation for improving our schools.

Joeseph Leiberman accused Bush of having the worst environmental policy since the Earth Day revolution began in 1970. Groups I'm involved in such as Friends of the Earth and The Sierra Club, have been working furiously to simply keep environmental standards where they are. Bush has a lot of money in the environment, but much of that money is not going to cleaner systems. For instance, his forestry plan aims to stop forest fires. Know how? Clear cutting national forests. He thinks no trees, means no fire!

That kind of attitude scares me. If the perfect president was the sun, President George W. Bush is somewhere on Pluto. Learning more about the Democratic candidates and about the local Democratic Party should be interesting. I really like this Howard Dean guy. On his website it says while he was governor of Vermont, he paid off an inherited $70 million deficit. Wouldn't that be nice? Someone who's working at building our economy instead of killing it?

Despite the administration and media's push to polarize us into anti-war people and support the troops/I love America people, remember we are the same. If you must know, John Harsdorf and I actually have a deep love for each other. It instantly divides at politics, however. Especially when his republican rallies make the front page of *The Stoutonia*.

If you've read this far, I ask now that you go to www.vote-smart.org and check out some more presidential candidates. Sure, it's early, but, as they say, the early bird gets the worm; after that you get President Bush.

Editor's Note: Slant question not be popular, but fair

Last week, *The Stoutonia* ran a Slant selection as we do every week that asked the question, "If you could choose one professor to fire and one to keep, whom would they be?"

While this question may seem rather harsh (even by members of our own staff), as the editor-in-chief I chose to run the question anyway.

Whether we like it or not, this question will soon be a reality for all of us. Professors we like are at risk of losing their jobs. As students, we have no say in this process even though we are paying customers of this institution.

Also, in accordance with the First Amendment, *The Stoutonia* did not violate any laws by printing this. We did not reveal any hiring or firing information since students do not have input in that process.

Nick Coenen
Editor-in-Chief
The Stoutonia

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Letters to the Editor

Budget Woes affect us all

As the school faces the dreadful budgest cuts administration is forced to make some very important, but rather difficult decisions. Where are the right places to cut spending, while still maintaining the quality standards that the school is reputable for?

These are all decisions that I personally would not like to make, as there are many factors that need to be examined before makinga a conclusion. However, I just recently learned of a decision that I believe was a mistake. Every department is taking their share off the budget cut, resulting in the release of many part-time professors. I heard from a fellow student that the university's part-time Astronomy professor is going to be let go.

As I finish my third year here at Stout, I try to think of what makes this university such a quality learning institution. I quickly came to the conclusion that it is not the programs, course material, the facilities, or even the technology. The professors and their passion for teaching are the main reason why this university stand out. About eighty percent of the professors I have had in class give it their entire effort day in and day out in order to make sure each student has a fair oppertunity to learn the subject matter.

Why is it then that a part-time astronomy professor is one of the the first to be absorbed by the budget cuts? especially when this person is willing to sacrifice an evening of his free time to give his students the oppertunity to look at Jupiter and Saturn through a telescope. it doesn't make sense to me that the first resource you would eliminate is the best learning tool that the students have, their professors.

Instead of dwelling on the university's commiment towards continuously improving technology, maybe first think of protecting the people that brought Stout to the Bladridge level. The school doesn't need cutting edge technology and brand new computers every few years. What Stout needs is continuation of service from its exceptional teaching staff. So maybe it is time to put a value on what is truely important to the university and the continue to make the budget cuts accordingly.

L. Kellin
UW-Stout Student

College Republibullies

Thank you for Amy Koeppe's article "Rally Shows Support For Troops", but I am left with a question.

I understand the location choice (flag poles, main pedestrian entrance, high visibility) but why would the rally organized by the College Republicans chose to meet on Fridays between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.? The Women In Black have quietly met there at noon almost every Friday since September. At best it seems confrontational and petty. At worst it appears to be an attempt at censorship and makes the College Republicans appear to be bullies.

I know they don't want this image but it should also be pointed out that the Women In Black stood out in the cold all winter while the Young Republicans appeared once the weather got pleasant. Perhaps moving their rally from Fridays 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to another day or time would be more democratic.

Thank you
Gabrielle Mayer

Now Trnka is wrong

Mr. Trnka, I think you really missed my point of my last letter. It seems to me that you think that I am in disagreement with an opinion of Ms Hauschildt. Well I am glad to report that there was no disagreement of OPINION as you so suggest.

I am in direct protest of the fact that she wrote FALSE STATEMENTS in our paper. There is no opinion here to be debated.

Fact #1: Mr Moore did not have the microphone "swiftly taken away" as she states. Watch the video, nobody even touches the microphone. I have the video if you need to see.

Fact #2: Ms. Hauschildt also writes "When he was questioned backstage about what was said, he stated that he was an American and that's a lot." I would like to know the source of this bit of info, because not only is in an obvious fabrication (he WAS an American? When the hell did he leave?), but there is absolutely no record of him saying such a thing. Refer to my first letter for what was said to him in PRAISE from the President of the Motion Picture Assn.

I do understand Mr. Moore is not perfect. Nobody is. And we all need help sometimes realizing our faults, as the reason for my write in.

Finally, I am not trying to attack our paper or Ms Hauschildt directly. Consider it constructive criticism, as obviously it is OUR paper, and I would greatly like to see it improved. Yeah, yeah, I could come to your meetings and write for you. But I am really busy, RESEARCHING things before I write them, as to make sure that I only write fact, unlike some of your writers, which was the original message I was trying to convey with my letter.

"You must be the change you wish to see in the world" - M.K. Ghandi

Sincerely,
Tim Krueger

Mr. Krueger,

Once again, thanks for writing in. Letters to the Editor are a great way for a single person's voice to be heard and we encourage more students to write in.

Our staff puts out the best paper we can, week in and week out.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Hello Mr. Personality! Reality bites on Fox



StuckintheMiddle
Matt Schubbe

It's not news to anyone that reality-based television is all the rage these days. Everyone has heard the arguments for such shows that it's cheaper because you don't have to hire actors, etc. That's all well and good. The problem that I see in reality shows is not so much in the shows themselves, but the fact that these shows are taking the place of other quality, non-reality programming. If you haven't guessed by the title of my article, I'm specifically targeting the Fox network.

Now, don't get me wrong here, I love the Fox Sunday night line up. I've been an avid "Simpsons" fan since I was old enough to click a remote. I'm talking about the pollution of what was once quite possibly the best network on TV.

Ever since I can remember, Fox has always been the "renegade" network. When "Married With Children" and "The Simpsons" first aired over a decade ago, Fox was seen as the TV network with an edge, one that was controversial, but still quite entertaining. Shocking, yet very well done. In recent years with the new buzz about reality TV, Fox has begun to sway, and by sway I mean knock over like an outhouse. I have seen great shows over the years such as Matt Groening's "Futurama," "Andy Richter Controls the Universe" and of course the late great "Family Guy" all fall by the wayside in favor of shows about strangers marrying each other or fake millionaires or strangers marrying fake millionaires.

These "reality" shows, which used to be blips on the radar between shows like"The X-Files" and "Firefly," now command almost all, if not entirely, the weeknight Fox TV airwaves. Where I once laughed at Andy Richter trying to convince his friend to get out of a cult-like sheep religion, I now see Monica Lewinsky egging on a hapless woman to love a masked man for his "personality." I'll spare everyone the irony of that last sentence in favor of continuing to make my point.

I'm not saying that all reality TV is bad. I think shows such as "Survivor" and "Fear Factor" are pretty entertaining, but not the best shows on TV to watch. Its just that Fox used to push everyone's buttons with shows that changed the face of television, not ones that inspired critics and viewers alike to vomit. I compare it to someone you see in class everyday, who one day walks in with a blue Mullet and a squirrel in his pants pocket. You would be disgusted, but unable to look away. That's what Fox is doing now, they make the viewers so disgusted with the idea of the show itself that people can't help but watch.

All I can do is hope and wait for next season to roll around without "Mr. Personality 2" marring my TV screen and sit and wait for next Sunday to come.

How to pack up your new life in ten days



FARAWAY
Ann Syrstad

As my time in the great land of Scotland dwindles, I have many things to look forward to when I return home. I miss my friends and family terribly, as well as the USA as a whole. I have learned from being away for four months that I take the U.S.A. for granted. I am excited to buy something and know exactly how much money I am spending, rather than converting the £ to a dollar all the time. I am excited for my 'new' Scotland friends to meet the friends I said goodbye to in January.

I am also dreading some things about leaving Scotland. With my departure date only ten days from now, I know that I should begin packing but I just do not want to! I have accumulated so much more than I ever thought I would. Not only that but I think that packing will be the realization for me that this trip has come to an end. I am saying goodbye to four months of my life and moving on to the rest of my life. Never again will I be in Scotland with 81 other peers, studying and traveling around Europe. How do you fit stacks of postcards, albums of photographs, souvenirs and new clothes in a suitcase that was already packed to the brim when you first got here? Knowing me, I will procrastinate until the night before and get an hour of sleep, regretting not packing much earlier. I just hope I do not leave anything behind! Not only that, but I have this feeling that once home, my bag will remain untouched until I have the motivation to see the clothes I wore over and over while abroad.

The memories I have from this trip would take days to share. I was talking this weekend with some friends about how a trip such as this could be summed up... and it really cannot. All I can say is, everyone should study abroad!!

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Stoutonia shows students striving



CUPO'JOEL
Joel Shaw

Let's have a showing of hands. How many of you out there like to do group assignments? I see a few hands. Alright, how many of you like group assignments involving four or more people? I see just a couple of you have had a good experience. Right? Now, how many of you would like to work with a group that is dependable, fun, dynamic and intense? How would you like to work with a group that delivers on time, every time no matter what, no excuses? This group has a deadline that must be met each and every week and a product that must be delivered.

The product is *The Stoutonia*, and it is stacked in the racks weekly, beginning two days after classes have started until the last week before finals.

Writing for the student paper has given me the opportunity to be involved with the energetic and mission-driven students who make up the staff of *The Stoutonia*.

There are many organizations on campus that get together on a regular basis to perform a service for the campus community. What distinguishes *The Stoutonia* from other organizations is the exposure that comes from putting words in print and making those words available to the public. It sounded a bit risky to me and I definitely experienced some fear when my first story was published

Knowing how easy it is to criticize other people's work, I was afraid of being slammed for what I had written. I got over the fear, and in so doing, I gained a great deal of respect for the journalists that put their reputations on the line every time their stories are published.

The students on *The Stoutonia* staff represent many majors, backgrounds and interests. The production of the weekly paper is an act of will and determination performed by this diverse group. That's right, it is group work. However, this group bears very little resemblance to those we are usually assigned to in class. They show up, get the work done and have a good time doing it.

The weekly edition begins to take shape eight days before publication during a meeting in the student center chaired by Editor-in-Chief Nick Coenen. Assembled in the room are editors, managers, technicians, staff and writers, all of whom offer suggestions and ideas for the upcoming edition. Nick holds the reigns of control loosely and in doing so allows the creativity and insights of the group to begin to shape. All of the campus beats are discussed; the potential stories are listed. The good ones are noted, and the bad one's are discarded. The hilarious ones keep the mood elevated and upbeat.

After the editors chose the stories, they are assigned to willing writers who take on their assignments with enthusiasm and determination. Frequently, the editors do some writing when stories need attention and writers are scarce. Writing is work. To all of you out there who have made a contribution—thank you very much. Keep those stories coming.

It is 10:00 p.m. on Wednesday night and you are watching T.V. or sucking up a brew at the local pub. During this time, *The Stoutonia* staff is waiting for the copyeditors to complete their painstaking chore of correcting grammar, punctuation and style, sentence-to-sentence, story-to-story. That task complete, the editors and layout staff return to the row of workstations to put the finishing touches on this week's edition of *The Stoutonia*. Shift, crop, edit and format, the copy moves from concept to reality. With neat efficiency these human dynamos work their desktop-publishing magic, until the edition is ready to be sent to the printer. An early night is 11-12 p.m.; a late night is 3-4 a.m.

On average, the combined hours required to get an edition to press is 110 hours. This does not include the time spent writing and rewriting, nor does it include printing and distribution time.

What motivates and inspires these students to continue this process every week? It's not about the money. You can't buy what they take away from the experience.

They like the creative process and the feeling of accomplishment at end of a long night. They like getting to know the campus staff and administrators. They like being with one another and sharing a common goal. They like the creative process that tests their skills and keeps them sharp. They like being in the know, and telling others what they know. They like to make people laugh, and they like to make people squirm.

Next time you pick up an issue of the Stoutonia, turn to the masthead on page four and you will see the names of the dedicated members of *The Stoutonia* who continually give the best they have to give to put the stacks in the racks for you. All they ask in return is that you read it.

Blue Devil Productions... or Propaganda?



COMMONSENSE
John Harsdorf

"I now inform you that you are too far from reality" is the last quote ever given by the former Iraqi information minister, Saeed Musharaff.

His press conferences and the bold and outright false claims he made never failed to amaze me. In his defense, I am sure he was under a lot of pressure from his boss.

Whatever his reasoning, and despite the sounds of shelling and gunfire in the background, he stuck with his story right until the bitter end.

Blue Devil Productions (BDP) seems to be following this Musharraff protocol in its poor defense of the event titled, "Throw Parties not Bombs." Even Musharraff with his bold statements and outrageous claims would have blushed at the excuses used to defend this disappointingly titled event.

Not to jump too conclusions to quickly, I did ask the planners of the event what their intent of the name was. Their answer was that they were hoping to create a play on words glorifying Stout's infamous history of inspiring pipe-bombers. "I now inform you that you are too far from reality," seems an appropriate Musharraff response to that answer.

The politically charged theme of "Throw Parties not Bombs" is not acceptable when it is supported by a public university, a government funded institution that is not designed to support any certain political opinion. It is wrong to hold an event which is paid for by you and me, when many of us may not agree with what the title inherently stands for.

Would we ever consider "Throw Parties not Babies" as a title of any event on campus? I strongly doubt that people here on campus would miss the pro-life or pro-choice message declared. In the same way I think it is unprofessional and irresponsible to use any name that is as questionable as the one used by BDP for this event.

Last year's "Bash on the Grass" did the same thing that BDP is attempting to do this year, yet its name did not attempt to politicize the event. That event was a great way to introduce students to the different organizations here at Stout and did a great job of encouraging involvement on campus, without an alienating title.

Why change the title then? The new name was contrived sometime in January before the war started I was told, demonstrating the good intentions of the BDP planners not to affiliate the event with the war. But it was November when President Bush made his case to the UN against Saddam Hussein. To say that this was not planned at a time when war was not on everyone's mind is taking a play right out of Musharraff's game book.

I do encourage everyone to attend this event, but I also hope that in the future BDP will learn from it's mistakes, and return to a title that will better represent the entire student body. When it comes to naming a campus event, even Musharraff at his best wouldn't be able to cover for the people at Blue Devil Productions.

Traveling in a foreign land becoming tricky



FATTIEMcGEE
Aleshia Brouwer

With the end of May quickly approaching, the age-old question keeps surfacing of "What is there to do this summer?"

Besides working and partying, there are the options of studying abroad, visiting friends out of state or flying across the country to a heavily populated escape. Anywhere but Menomonie.

But tourism hasn't quite been the same since Sept. 11. Then came the war and the ever-changing color-coded terror threats. Not to mention deadly disease SARS, which is currently spreading.

I've heard of many summer plans re-arranged in light of terrorism. Washington D.C. trips cancelled. Study abroad plans post-poned. The threats even linger in the back of my mind as I hope to venture towards Norway.

So, if we rule out trips to Singapore and New York, where are travelers supposed to go? Why our very own backyard of course. Terrorism could mean great economic things for the Red Cedar Trail!

However off the wall this may sound, tourism has, at least temporarily, changed and from it we should learn how to "vacation" in our own backyards.

Both Minnesota and Wisconsin have tourist worthy attractions. Did you know that the world's largest twine ball is in Darwin, MN? Now who can pass that up?

And the world's largest letter "M" is on a hill in Platteville, Wisc. It's made out of white rocks. Do I see a Kodak moment? Don't forget about the big talking cow, Chattie Bell, in Neillsville, Wisc. Here we come Camp Snoopy! This year the Mall of America will be overrun with tourists' video cameras.

And if we get creative enough, the Paper Warehouse could provide all of the benefits of a tropical getaway. With enough of those paper palm trees, one room can be transformed into a very unique, handmade paradise.

So, don't get bummed out if your plans are limited this year. Keep it in perspective, and use your creativity to find original ideas, like talking cows.

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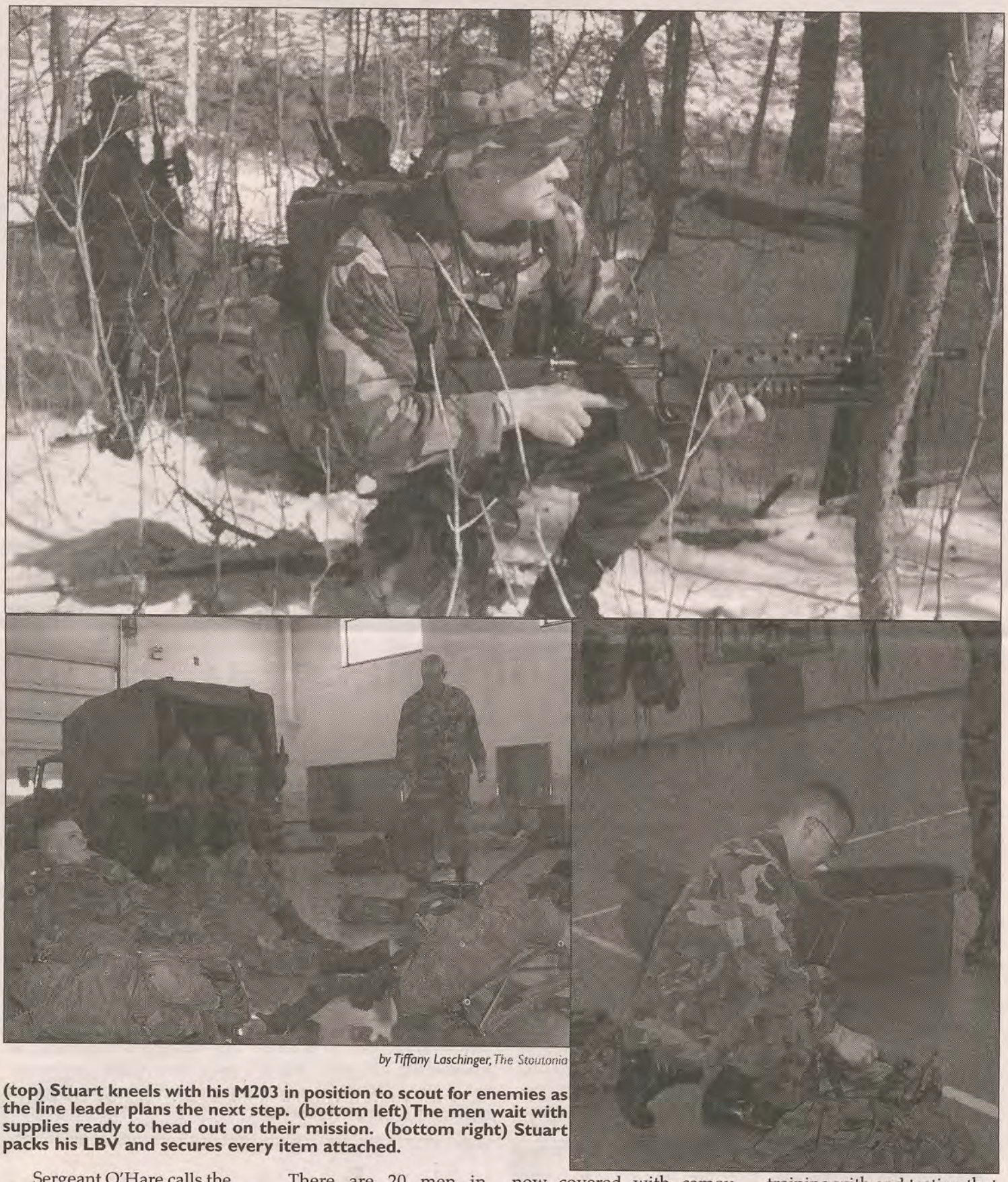
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Secret life of the civilian soldier

For one weekend a month and two weeks a year citizens train to be soldiers

Tiffany Laschinger
The Stoutonia



by Tiffany Laschinger, *The Stoutonia*

(top) Stuart kneels with his M203 in position to scout for enemies as the line leader plans the next step. (bottom left) The men wait with supplies ready to head out on their mission. (bottom right) Stuart packs his LBV and secures every item attached.

The freshly fallen snow seem foreign after the Wisconsin sun had warmed the air, but cars lined the parking lot of the Abbotsford National Guard Armory. Rain, shine or snow, they come to train.

To the men of Recon Detachment 1 of 1-128 Infantry Battalion, the National Guard is more than a way to pay for college, it's the camaraderie of the men they train with, and it's the respect and honor of the flag they serve under.

University of Wisconsin-Stout student Chad Stuart is in a good mood this morning.

"Today is a good day," said Stuart.

Specialist Binder, wearing a camouflage shirt and matching pants neatly tucked into his polished black boots, pulls out a propane blowtorch. He ignites the torch and a blue flame melts the ice off the latch on the cover of his truck bed. He pulls out the supplies he needs for the weekend and re-latches the cover.

"Who knew a bomb in the back of your truck could be so useful," he said referring to the torch.

He and Stuart walk into the Armory ready to begin the weekend.

Stuart is a junior in construction and was recently crowned UW-Stout Man of the Year. He joined the National Guard two years ago to help pay for school, but found that it brought much more than a paycheck; it brought a new challenge every month.

The florescent lighting tints everything orange in the main room in the Armory, starkly contrasting the seafoam green walls. A room full of men stand in groups catching up with a month of lost time, all dressed in their army issued Battle Dress Uniforms (BDUs).

Sergeant O'Hare calls the men into formation. Stuart adjusts his black beret which displays the Wisconsin National Guard unit crest, and he jogs up to his position and stands at attention.

A hint a formality can be felt in the air. The men stand in perfect line formation with their feet together and faces forward to their commanding officers, but the pressure from boot camp to remain straight-faced has long been lifted. The men in the two platoons in the Armory can't keep the smiles off their faces. For one weekend a month these men are soldiers in training and their civilian lives are left at the door.

There are 20 men in Stuart's unit hailing from all walks of life in Wisconsin. Ages range from 19-47 and occupations vary from student to police officer.

"We train as if we are in battle. If we don't, then we will be sloppy," said Specialist Dadam.

Being a part of a recon platoon, these men understand that their mission in wartime is to be the eyes and ears of the battalion putting them ahead of the front line.

"It is a very dangerous battle-time job," said Dadam. "We survive on two hours of sleep a night on missions."

The once barren cement floor of the orange room is now covered with camouflage gear that would make the men nearly invisible on the field. Stuart becomes comfortable as he rigs up a way to tie his canteen to his load bearing vest (LBV). This vest can carry more items for survival than a boy scout could imagine.

If an item like a compass is not tied to the LBV, it can fall off or be grabbed by and enemy, leaving that soldier vulnerable to getting lost.

Right past the men, scattered on the floor, are the men of the morder platoon. They gather around crates, unwrapping cardboard an bubble wrap to expose the weaponry that they will be training with and testing that weekend.

"It's like Christmas!" said a guy from the mortar unit. "We get to open all of this."

The morder barrels they unpack are 180 mm in diameter by four feet, and 40 pound modern cannons with a destruction radius of 50 meters. Because the morder and the stand need to be moved from site to site, the soldiers must carry it on their back. They must have the strength and balance to be able to march through miles of the most extreme terrain.

The men then pile into a

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Unhappy students settle for rooms

As students sign up for dorm rooms, many are frustrated with the selection

Diana Minea
The Stoutonia

As the end of this school year approaches, students are already getting prepared for the fall. Registration is in progress, many students have found houses and apartments to live in and earlier this month students signed up for the dorms they will live in next year.

The night that most sophomores signed up for their rooms led many of them to believe that some changes need to be made in the residence hall room sign-up process.

The sign-up process occurred in seven phases. Phase one was for students who wanted to keep their rooms; phase two was for those who wanted to remain on their floor; phase three was for students who wanted to stay in the same hall, and phase four was for upperclassmen who wanted to reside in Antrim and Froggat. The other three phases took place on Monday, April 14, first letting displaced residents sign up, then allowing students who wanted to change halls to sign up. Finally, those students from off-campus who wanted to live on campus next year got to choose their rooms.

Martin Fritz of housing and residence life organized the event this way.

"We want the process not to be overly time consuming and not to have massive lines."

Anyone who was at the Great Hall at 8:00 p.m. on that Monday night saw the chaos that occurred when those students who wanted to change halls tried to sign up for their rooms in the fall. Mainly on the women's side, lines were long; people were stressed out and many students who wanted to be in rooms on South Campus settled for rooms they considered less than desirable, such as smoking, alcohol-free and quiet study floors.

"Most people picked

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Soldiers / camouflaged into the background

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classroom where Sergeant Bryce explains a mission that they would have to perform if in battle. Diagrammed like a football play, Xs and Os represent the players. The enemy is described by Sgt. Bryce as the bad guy and depicted with a frowning face. Nameless and faceless, the bad guys remain anonymous.

The men are required to remember packets of information regarding missions and code. They are quizzed and suffer consequences for failing to answer correctly.

Specialist Geisendorfer serves as primary shooter when on missions and was asked the equation to transfer feet into meters. Upon hesitation, Geisendorfer was ordered to do 60 push-ups.

"Here, they actually want you to learn," said Stuart. "You have the responsibility of an entire squad."

The next morning, the men of the recon platoon ready their supplies and wait for the command to leave the Armory in order to practice an area recon in a national forest north of Abbotsford. An area recon is a concentrated sweep of enemy territory to locate any enemy bases.

With layers of non-cotton clothing underneath their BDUs, the soldiers drive to the middle of the forest and set out on foot. The 20-man unit splits up into four squads. One behind the other, they head toward their link-up point.



by Tiffany Laschinger, The Stoutonia

With the seriousness of a real mission, the men begin their area recon and trek through miles of forest in freshly fallen snow.

With 90 pounds of weight on their backs, the men grace through the brush not even muffling the sound of the rushing brook. In complete silence, hand signals are used to communicate down the line. A motion is made by the line leader to stop; everyone in the line takes a knee. Stuart brings the M16 with a 40 millimeter grenade launcher attachment (M203) to his shoulder and scouts for movement.

"Because we're a recon platoon, we're small. Well, a whole platoon, about 54 guys, just passing through the swamp, you're gonna make a big old trail. So, a recon op can't be seen, so we hide and we'll be a smaller element." said Geisendorfer.

Four hours later the first squad approaches the link-up point and waits in silence. When the other squads come into sight, the first squad melts down onto their stomachs. Even in camouflage, the human-eye can catch fast movement, but slow movement will go unnoticed if

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"The count-down for no more classes began long ago."



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

Hot Damn! Summer is almost here!

Lately my classes seem to drag on longer and longer. With only two weeks left before summer, I count the days.

Passing by faster then the last, this year has been a blur of crazy events and long nights spent on projects. I am trying to wrap up my second year, but at the same time I am realizing that wanting to get out of Menomonie also means leaving my life here.

I am excited to live at home this summer to see my boyfriend, friends and family because the summer means just as much fun as the school year. With the cities just 30 minutes north, I have plenty of places keep myself entertained.

Between making money and taking trips to friends' cabins I have a full summer planned. Promising to visit my school friends that are scattered across Minnesota and Wisconsin becomes just a lot of talking, but rarely ever a trip.

Switching from a class schedule to a work schedule is difficult when there is always hope for a cancelled class, but never for a cancelled work day. The bi-weekly paycheck makes up for any inconvenience.

Many people hate moving back in with their parents, but I find no less freedom in my childhood room than on my own. The only hassle I receive from my parents is the occasional plea to stay home to eat one family dinner.

This transition from Commons food to my mom's cooking is as comparable as going from sleeping on the rock hard dorm-issued beds to the soft pillow top mattress I have at home. No contest.

My roommate has already started cleaning out the things she will not need in the next three weeks to bring home this weekend.

My side remains cluttered with a carpet of cloths and art supplies for my many projects. I have no intention of cleaning my side until the week of finals.

I have no final tests.

Again...Hot Damn!

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Campus Slant

If you could skip one major class what would it be?



"Sociology, I'd rather watch paint dry."
~Jessie Stopera,
fr., vocational rehabilitation



"Math."
~Katie Unertl
fr., art education



"Art history."
~Megan Dischler
fr., graphic design

"GCM."
~Rachel Linbo
fr., graphic design



Next Week:

What would you do with 900 pairs of underwear?

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Recon/ Enemy scouts

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silence is kept.

As the men rest from their five hour mission, Geisendorfer was again ordered to do push-ups. He did 25 for dropping the M203 and one for the airborne ranger in the sky.

For these men, the National Guard is not a huge time commitment, but it is a commitment of their minds and bodies.

"The best way to keep the peace is to be prepared for war," said Stuart. "Any fool can make a statement. It takes self-sacrifice and personal courage to make a difference."

Even with the war winding down, these men still risk deployment to police.

"My unit is still deployable for security mission," said Stuart. "Now it's not just for fun anymore."



Illustration by Steve Poole, The Stoutonia

These are the three rifles used by the recon platoon. (top) M203, (middle) M24 sniper weapon system, (bottom) M16

Rooms/ Fighting to get the best pick

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quiet study, alcohol free or smoking floors because it was the only thing left on South Campus, not because they wanted to," said Ashley Devine, a freshman majoring in early childhood education. "People shouldn't have to get stuck in alcohol free or quiet study if they don't want to obey these rules, but don't have another choice."

Some form of sacrifice had to be made by those students who signed up after 8:00 p.m., whether it be signing up for a floor designated to smoking, quiet study or alcohol free students or simply signing up for rooms on North Campus.

"At times, students have on their minds that there is only one place to live and don't look at other buildings to see what they might have to offer," said Fritz.

The flexibility for such decisions was not available on South Campus, but on North Campus there were many more rooms available for students to choose from. While some students chose to live on North Campus again next year, many residents on North Campus were not so thrilled with the idea of spending another year there.

"I think living on North Campus is one of the reasons I haven't been more involved," said Ashley Ferris, a freshman majoring in graphic design. "It just hasn't been a good experience living there."

Reasons the students who reside in those far-away dorms want to move down to South Campus next year include the long distance to classes, the lack of green areas to enjoy the nice days and walking back to the dorms at night past the bars full of drunk people.

"It ruins your whole experience as a freshman," said Kim Straw, a freshman majoring in interior decorating.

Since most of the students who signed up at 8:00 p.m. that night were from North Campus, they wanted to get to dorms that would take away the problems that were occurring when they were residing there. When they found almost all of South Campus full, they became irritated and felt that the system was unfair.

Many students shared their ideas of what would make the sign-up process more fair to everyone.

"If you're not going to give us the opportunity to pick where we want to live, give us the opportunity to move off campus," said Erin Tieri, a freshman majoring in early childhood education. "At least there we could be happy with where we are living."

Other students expressed ideas like having a lottery of some sort, doing the sign-ups online and making those who were signing up alone move into a room with another single.

"It would give some of us that didn't really have a choice a better chance at getting the rooms we wanted," said Jessica Moe, a freshman majoring in graphic design.

On the other hand, students in the earlier time slots of phase five, those students in fresh success residence halls, have no complaints about the room sign-up process.

"I feel like the room sign-ups went well for me, though that's because I was one of the first floors to register," said Carl Schultze, a freshman majoring in multimedia design. "It is unlucky for all of those who had to register last."

While the most recent changes to sign-ups were made a few years ago when the fresh success program began, and no changes are planned for anytime soon, the students who participated in the sign-up event after 8:00 p.m. are hoping for changes in the system.

"They should make it so everyone has a fair chance to get on south campus if they wish," said Kaitlin Walker, an undecided freshman.

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The 411

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Thursday, Apr. 24
- 5-7 p.m., SITTA hosts **Cisco Technologies Speaker/rep**, 205 Millennium Hall, refreshments, free
- 6 p.m., **Battle of the Bands** Pawn Patio, free
- 7 p.m., **Lucy Kaplansky & Susan Werner** folk/jazz, Mabel Tainter Theater

Friday, Apr. 25
no events scheduled

Saturday, Apr. 26
- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm, **24-7 Telcom's Open House & Technology Fair**, 912 Crescent Street, free
- 10 a.m.-5 p.m.,**Topless carwash/bakesale**, Wal-Mart
- Noon-10pm, **Taking it Back from the Corporations Outdoor Concert**, Rod and Gun Park, Eau Claire
- 7 p.m., The Sunrise Rotary Club **"A Wine Tasting Festival,"** Vision Quest: N4439 440th, Tickets, $30, 233-0480

Sunday, Apr. 27
- 9 a.m., registration, 10 a.m., race, **Alpha Phi CardioHealth 5K walk/run**, Wakanda Park, $10 students/$12 public
- 10 a.m.-5 p.m., **Cheer & Stunt Team tryouts**, 217 Johnson Fieldhouse
- 2-8 p.m. **Throw Parties Not Bombs**, South Lawn & Pawn Patio, MSC, free

Monday, Apr. 28
- 6:30 p.m., **Quiz Bowl**, trivia contest for prizes, 208 HMEC, $15/team, 233-0432

Tuesday, Apr. 29
- 8 p.m., **Fashion Without Fabric**, Great Hall, tickets $2.50 students/$5 public, SOC desk

Wednesday, Apr. 30
no events scheduled

Thursday, May 1
- 2 p.m., **Ribbon Cutting/ Open House**, Optimum Therapies, L-Mart Shopping Center

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to Belinda @ Stoutonia or lewisb@uwstout.edu



Bill Denney
The Stoutonia

In a world devastated by war, hate and tyranny the prospect of peace seems like an impossibility or at the most, a distant dream. Nonetheless, a handful of hopefuls at Blue Devil Productions (BDP) have put together a free, outdoor festival, Throw Parties Not Bombs, as a celebration of the peace that we all desire, regardless of your stance on the current world situation.

The festival will take place this Sunday, April 27, from 2-8 p.m. on the grounds surrounding the Memorial Student Center (MSC) at the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Musical and spoken word performances from artists across the U.S. and Canada will be showcased at what BDP is hoping will be an extremely successful, body-filled event.

With a name such as the one this festival has, mixed feelings and uproar could come from Iraqi war supporters, possibly under the impression that the festival is an anti-war platform.

"We actually came up with the idea for this back in January, and the world was much different then," said Riley Hooker, music director at BDP. "The festival is a reaction to violence locally and globally. It's pro-peace, not anti-war or anti-anything."

Music is definitely on the itinerary for the event, and BDP has gathered some of the biggest names on the local scene to perform.

Nationally touring punk band Dillinger Four, out of Minneapolis, is among the scheduled performers. The intelligent, socially scathing lyrics of the band will be sure to provoke some questioning thoughts in the minds of some of the students at UW-Stout. Dillinger Four will take the stage along with fellow punkers Sterotyperider, a four-piece group from Arizona; and Canadians Sainte Catherines.

Hip-hop performers will also have their time to shine at the event.

Minneapolis' Heiruspecs will be around with their funky, jazzy sound, as will fellow Minnesota artists Oddjobs and Leroy Smokes. All the way from Rhode Island, for his third time at UW-Stout will be Sage Francis. Sage Francis has been deemed one of the world's ten best emcees by http://hiphopinfinity.com.

Throw Parties Not Bombs is set to take place on two stages on Sunday. One will be on the MSC South Lawn and the other will be at the Pawn Patio. Speaking for 25 minutes between each set, and hosting the event, will be spoken word artists from Minnesota and Texas.

Minnesota Spoken Word Association (MSWA) will host on the Pawn Patio stage. A group set on developing a dynamic spoken word community for seven years, the MSWA will bring a wide variety of artists to speak their minds on the subject at hand and hope to make an impact. Also hosting, straight from Texas, Jason Carney, an insightful performer poet, will be on the main stage on the MSC South Lawn.

A festival that is hoping to simply bring to realization the possibility of peace, Throw Parties Not Bombs looks to be an extremely promising afternoon of music, speaking and fun.

A large number of UW-Stout organizations will be present with information for attendees, and on a Sunday afternoon, what is better than being outside with music in a positive, hope-filled environment?

"We hope it's just a fun, happy experience," said Bitsy Hansen, executive producer of BDP. "It's a way to give back to the Stout community."

Fabulous fabricless fashion

A fashion show like no other takes the runway once again

Janelle Klander
The Stoutonia

When thinking of a fashion, one would think an essential item would be fabric. But University of Wisconsin-Stout students are proving that you don't need fabric to make a fashion statement.

On Tuesday, April 29 in the Great Hall of the Memorial Student Center, Blue Devil Productions will host Fashion Without Fabric.

Students in the design class were assigned to create an outfit using anything but fabric. After these hard-working students finish their designs, they will get the chance to show off their creations at the fashion show.

"I think that it is a real opportunity to see ensembles that are very creative," said Ron Verdon, a professor in art and design.

Britta Anderson and Melissa Flicek are co-directing the third year of Fashion Without Fabric. Their expected audience is over 600 for the event. It will be a different set up than last year using a runway for presenting the fashions. Along with the designs, there will be food and an art display.

"I was in it last year and it was so much fun," said Anderson, a junior in interior design.

In the past, students have used bubble gum, condoms, pennies and chocolate to create their project. Students are encouraged to have themes when constructing their project.

"I was watching 'Jackass' and got the idea to be a giant piñata," said Riv Volp, a junior in multimedia design. "I figured people could beat me with a stick until candy came out."

The doors open at 7:30 p.m., but the show begins at 8 p.m. Advance tickets are available at the Service Desk in the Memorial Student Center and are $2.50 for students and $5 for the public, but it's an extra $1 the day of the show.



Submitted photo / Melissa Flicek
Steph Erickson models her skimpy creation at last year's Fashion Without Fabric.

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Summer sequels swarm



MOVIEPREVIEW
Kim Hauschildt

Summer is coming and there is always a hype that surrounds the season. Many anticipated movies are to be presented on the big screen mainly in sequel style such as "Legally Blonde 2," "The Matrix: Reloaded," "Terminator 3," "Charlie's Angels: Full Throttle," "Bad Boys 2," "2 Fast 2 Furious," "American Wedding" and "Bruce Almighty." These are many movies on a flavorful pallet, but I will discuss a few here to get your excitement going; the rest is for your discovery.

"Legally Blonde 2:" Elle is about to make partner at her firm when she finds out her beloved dog's relatives are being used as cosmetic test subjects. Taking on the world of Washington D.C., she uses the help of senators and representatives to take over and get rid of this horrible situation. Release date: July 2.

"The Matrix: Reloaded:" Six months after the first film ended, Neo and Morpheus free many people from the Matrix. The last human city, Zion, falls; Neo and other leaders estimate that they have 72 hours until 250,000 probes discover the city and destroy the inhabitants within. Release Date: May 15.

"Terminator 3:" Ten years after the last Terminator film was made the Terminator is back to earth to save John Conner, now a computer hacker who is living in the streets, waiting for the day that machines will take over the globe. The machines send their newest model to stop Conner. Terminatrix (T-X) not only can morph into other humans, but she can also turn herself into a destructive machine to wipe out other Cybernetic organisms. Humans predict this coming and rebel with the help of a new T-101 (Schwarzenegger). Release Date: July 3.

"Bruce Almighty:" Jim Carrey is back in his natural, humorous state in this Memorial Day flick. God needs a break and has given Bruce (Carrey) his powers for one week. The thing is, what will he do with this power that he has? It could be to his benefit, or something could go terribly wrong.

Seems to me that there are a lack of ideas circulating throughout Hollywood, but I guess if there is time to make a classic even better by adding an edition, so be it; this could also be a downfall for the movies themselves. For example, "The Land Before Time" sequels. Bruce Almighty sticking its foot out as the one original movie idea this summer seems to be a big laugh.

These are some choices if you want to sit in a dark movie theater, or you could go outside and work on your tan. Whatever you choose, I'm sure you'll enjoy this summer's movies.

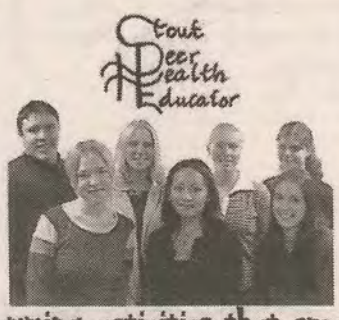


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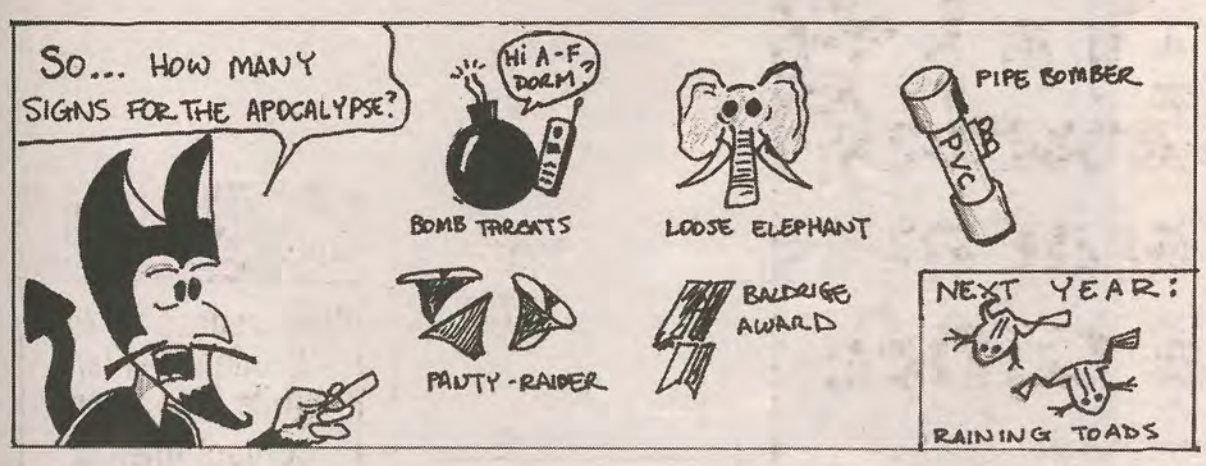
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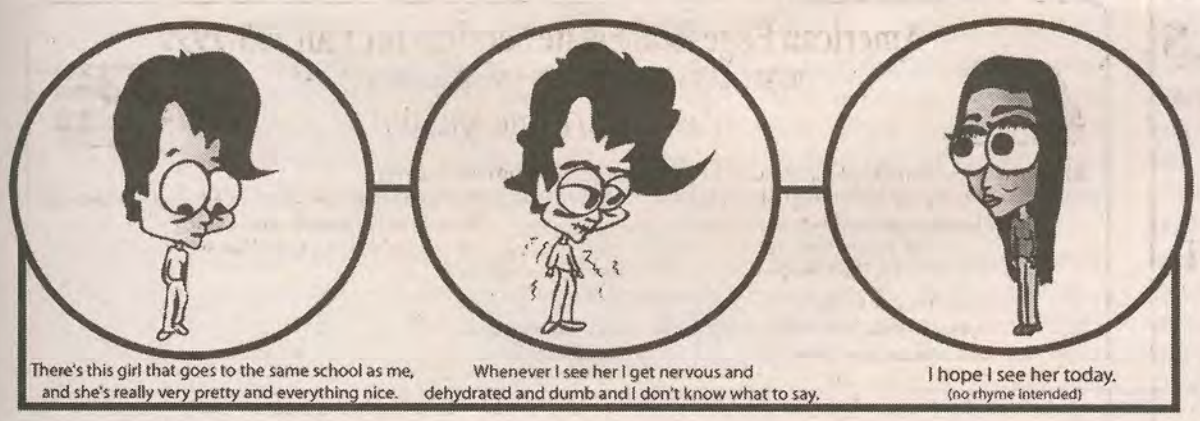
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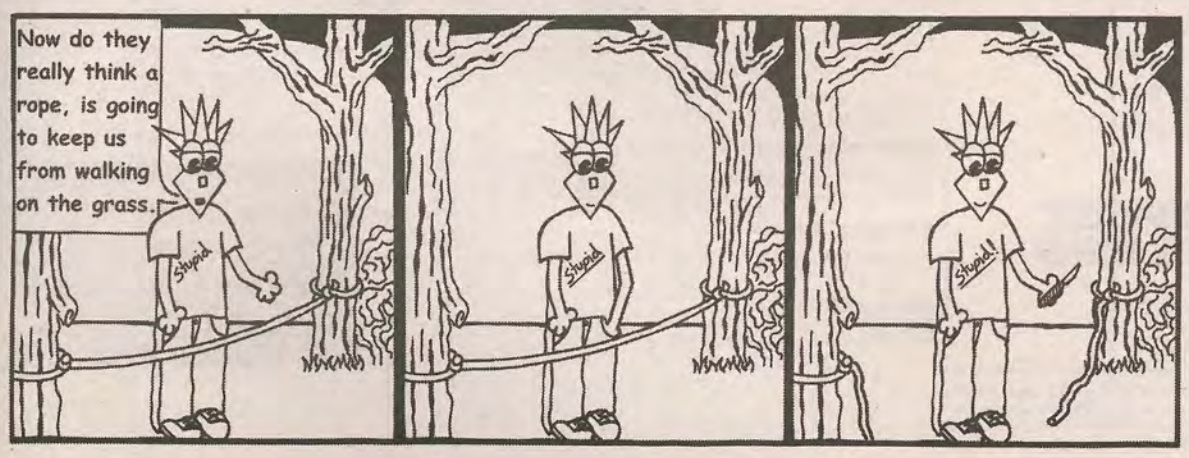


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Intramural teams refused

Jimmy Weideman
The Stoutonia





Intramurals have been a huge success. With the popularity of these sports rising, many teams were turned down. The office cannot house all of the interested students. Sign-ups are becoming a competition in itself.

courtesy of, sports information

Many rumors have started around campus since the announcement of budget cuts. One of those is that intramural sports will be dropped.

This seems unfair, especially since there are so many interested teams that some are being refused.

"Our team played flag football during the first block of intramurals," said sophomore business major Brady Close. "It's just that I think our team improved a lot during the first block and was wishing to prove ourselves to the other teams."

Intramural sign up runs for three days, Monday morning until Wednesday afternoon. Normally, the sheets fills up Wednesday afternoon; enough teams signed up Monday afternoon of this year to fully fill flag football.

So by the time sign ups closed there were 42 teams signed up for flag football. With current facilities Intramural's can only accommodate 32 teams, which includes 24 men's teams and 8 coed teams.

"Due to the large amount of interest we took an additional two men's teams to accommodate as many as possible," said Intramural Sports Coordinator Holly DeMarce. "However, this was the max amount we could take. So unfortunately, we had to turn away one coed team and seven men's teams."

Soccer sign ups were pretty similar, Intramurals marketed for twelve team's total. With almost double that (21 teams).

Intramurals decided to add another night. With ultimate Frisbee being a new sport to Intramurals, it was decided not to take any more teams.

"I am happy that our team was able to get into Intramurals, it is a nice way to meet people, while having fun playing flag football," said freshmen Kyle Swenson majoring in tech ed. "I just hope that it doesn't get cut from the budget next year."

This fear has reached many people across campus. Many people wonder if their programs will be the ones to get shorted.

"As far as the Intramural Sports Program being cut...this is not true! We will have an IM program here at Stout next year," said DeMarce. "Yes, UREC has been affected by the budget cuts the University is facing."

The Intramural budget is student-segregated-fee-generated therefore, if student enrollment is down so will the Intramural budget.

Some examples that could come into affect if the budget is down: Reducing hours of operation (Intramural Sports Office), fewer student employees, reducing the numbers of nights and teams per sport for league play, etc.

These are issues the Intramural department may have to discuss and deal with if faced with a decrease in the budget.

"I will always fight to have the Intramural Sports Program a part of this campus as I feel it plays a very important role in the life of students," said DeMarce. "It is a great place for students to meet new people, socialize with friends, relieve stress and participate in life long activities."

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Draft/ Packers are looking to improve

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have a very good idea of what and who they need from this weekend's draft.

The Packers re-signed a handful of players. Bringing back these players is a pivotal key to making them successful next season.

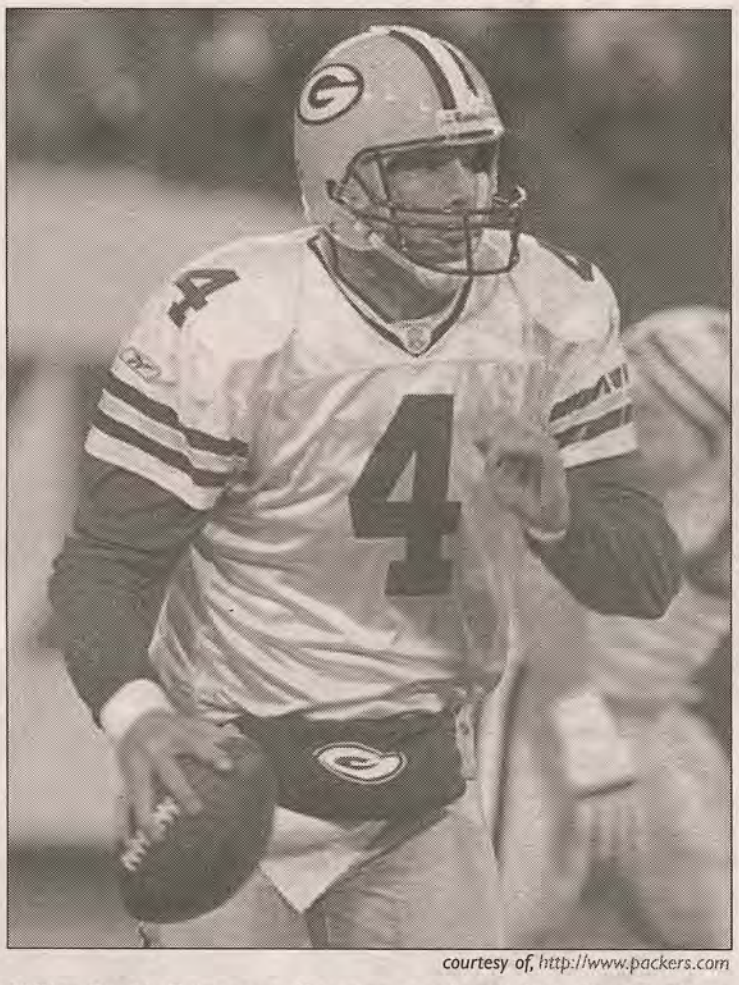
"The Packers need to find some quality defensive picks in the later rounds," said Jesse Kralewski a junior majoring in industrial management. "The defense is where the Packers are hurting the most right now."

The NFC North is going to be much tougher this season because the Detroit Lions have a great new head coach in Steve Mariucci, and second year quarterback Joey Harrington has heart illness concerns behind him.

The Chicago Bears fell asleep and woke up to the nightmare of having signed quarterback Kordell Stewart. Ouch. However, the Bears will have a brand new Soldier Field to play at this season.

If those two teams are still building, that leaves the Packers and the Minnesota Vikings to compete for the division crown.

Since the University of Wisconsin-Stout is so close to Minnesota, and being that the campus is here in Menomonie, there are many Vikings fans around. But Vikings fans are fooling themselves if they think Dauntee Culpepper and Randy Moss will ever bring a championship to Minnesota.



courtesy of, http://www.packers.com

With Brett Favre on the verge of retiring, the Packers should be looking to draft a replacement.

"I hope that the Packers do well in the draft so that the Bears don't beat up on them too bad the next few years," said Doug Strid a junior majoring in business management. "Because it will happen that the Bears will be better than the Packers."

After this weekend all football fans will have new players to check out. Fans won't know how worthy these new players will be of the huge contracts they receive. Packers Executive Vice-President/General Manager/ Head Coach Mike Sherman and Vice-President of football operations Mike Hatley are two of the big brains behind the draft for the green and gold.

All football fans will be crossing their fingers all weekend. Packer fans will be hoping for some great new players and looking forward to a great new season at the newly renovated Lambeau Field.

Review/end of season

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Stout competitor came to winning was freshman Lauren Patient, taking her No. 2 singles opponent to three sets, losing 1-6, 7-4, 6-1.

Also, freshman Erica Millspaugh and junior Amy Boyle lost a tie breaker at No. 2 doubles, 9-8 (7-5).

Stout will be at UW-River Falls, Friday, April 25.

Baseball

University of Wisconsin - Whitewater Warhawks was able to hold UW-Stout to only one run over 18 innings of baseball as the Warhawks defeated the Blue Devils, 10-1, 8-0, Friday, April 18 at Whitewater.

Sophomore Greg Meinertz led off the inning with a single, was moved to second by sophomore Nick Ohman's grounder to the pitcher and advanced to third on an error.

With the bases loaded, senior Justin Biever brought Meinertz home on a fielder's choice.

UW-Stout was held to six hits in the game. UW-Meinertz collected three of those hits, going 3-for-4 and allowed 14 Warhawk hits. UW-Whitewater had big innings in the fifth when they broke the game open with three runs, then tagged on five runs in the seventh.

In the night game, UW-Whitewater took advantage of two UW-Stout errors and made the best of nine hits. UW-Stout left only five runners on base.

Their best chance of scoring came in the eighth inning when they left the bases loaded. Previous to that, only junior Jake Riek got past first when he crushed a two-out double in the third.

UW-Stout pitchers combined for 11 strikeouts, with Senior Matt Hoeft getting five strikeouts in four innings of work.

Hoeft was roughed up for four runs - two earned.

UW-Stout will be at UW-LaCrosse, Wednesday, April 23 and at UW-Oshkosh, April 26-27.

Women's Track and Field

On Firday, April 18, at Northfield, Minn. Ann Schachtner placed third in the shot put. Tracy Oostdyk placed fourth in the 3000-meter steeplechase at the Manitou Classic meet.

Schachtner tossed the shot 39-feet, 6-inches and Oostdyk was just three seconds short of the school record in the steeplechase with a time of 12-minutes, 1.93-seconds.

Marci Schachtner placed sixth in the hammer throw (141-9).

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UW-Stout

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Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

On Monday, April 21, the Blue Devils split a pair of games with UW-Superior. In the second game Erin O'connell hit three home runs in three at-bats for seven runs batted in.

O'Connell set a UW-Stout single game record for most home runs and tied the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) record for most home runs in a game.

O'Connell also broke the WIAC single season record of 10 set by Jill Schoenike of UW-Eau Claire in 1999, and the UW-Stout home run record.

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NFL draft should help Packers



SPORTSTALK
Ryan Wessley

This weekend April 26 and 27 marks the kick off for the 2003-04 NFL football season. Many football fans have been looking forward to this weekend since the super bowl ended. The NFL draft either will make or break a team's season, that's why the NFL draft is such a pivotal part of the NFL season for so many teams.

The Green Bay Packers finished last season 12-4 and won the NFC Northern Division. But the team's season ended with a loss against the Atlanta Falcons at home in the playoffs.

In this weekend's draft, the Packer's will look to draft some new starters in many positions. But if they get the chance to grab a successor to Brett Favre they will take it. If Rex Grossman from the University of Florida is still on the board when the Packer's pick at number twenty-nine, Grossman will have to trade in his swim trunks for a snowmoblie suit. For the teams next two picks, the team's war room will probably check which linebackers and defensive tackles are available.

During the Packers later picks in the second day they will try to find offensive linemen to add depth.

Also special teams were a weak spot last year. So drafting a return man and any personnel that could help on special teams would be very beneficial.

"The Packers focus this year should mainly consist of defense," said Jayson Bonack a junior majoring in business management. "With the possible selection of Kansas State University linebacker Terry Pierce in the first round and then a defensive tackle in the third round since the draft is rich with defensive linemen this year."

With the resigning of some players, the Packers

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courtesy of, http://www.packers.com

Najeh Davenport was gained in the NFL draft last year. This year the Packers will be scouting for a variety of players to join their team for the next season.

Reviewing the week in Stout sports

Jimmy Weideman
The Stoutonia

Softball

On April 26 and 27 the University of Wisconsin-Stout will be the host of the second Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Softball Cluster Tournament of the 2003 season.

If weather permits, the games will be held at Wakanda Park in North Menomonie on diamonds one and six.

In case of inclement weather, the tournament could be held at the Don & Nona Williams Stadium.

UW-Stout was scheduled to hold the 2002 games, but a mid-spring snowstorm wiped out the tournament. The tournament begins Saturday, April 26 at 9 a.m.

The WIAC Softball Tournament is scheduled for May 2-4 in Platteville hosted by UW-Platteville.

The Universtiy of Wisconsin- Stout Blue Devils split a pair of games with UW-Superior Monday, April 21 at Wakanda Park.

The Yellowjackets took the opener, 4-1, but UW-Stout came back in the second game to take a 9-0, five-inning win as sophomore Erin O'Connell hit three home runs in three at-bats for seven runs batted in.



courtesy of, sports information

UW-Stout spring sports are wrapping up their seasons. The seasons end is near so they prepare for conference.

O'Connell set a UW-Stout single game record for most home runs and tied the Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) record for most home runs in a game (Beth Shaw, Platteville, 2001).

Also, with 12 home runs on the season, O'Connell broke the WIAC single season record of 10, set by Jill Schoenike of UW-Eau Claire in 1999. Her solo home run, which was UW-Stout's lone run in the first game, tied the UW-Stout single season record, and her first home run of the second game broke the UW-Stout record of nine, set by Angie Pinnow in 2000. Pinnow holds the school career record with 17.

Freshman Megan Donley got the win, scattering two hits-a lead off single in the first inning and a one - out single in the fourth.

In the opener, the Yellowjackets (8-10, 2-6) scored on a passed ball in the first inning, then scored another in the fourth inning. O'Connell answered back with her solo shot in the bottom of the fifth.

UW-Stout loaded the bases in the bottom of the sixth with two outs, but O'Connell's ground out to shortstop ended the inning.

UW-Superior tacked on two runs in the seventh to take a 4-1 lead. UW-Stout stranded two in the bottom half of the inning.

UW-Stout will be at UW-Eau Claire Wednesday, April 23 and will host the WIAC Cluster Tournament April 26-27 at Wakanda Park.

Women's Tennis

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's tennnis team traveled on Monday, April 21 to Macalester College, in St. Paul. UW-Stout lost a 7-0 decision to Macalester.

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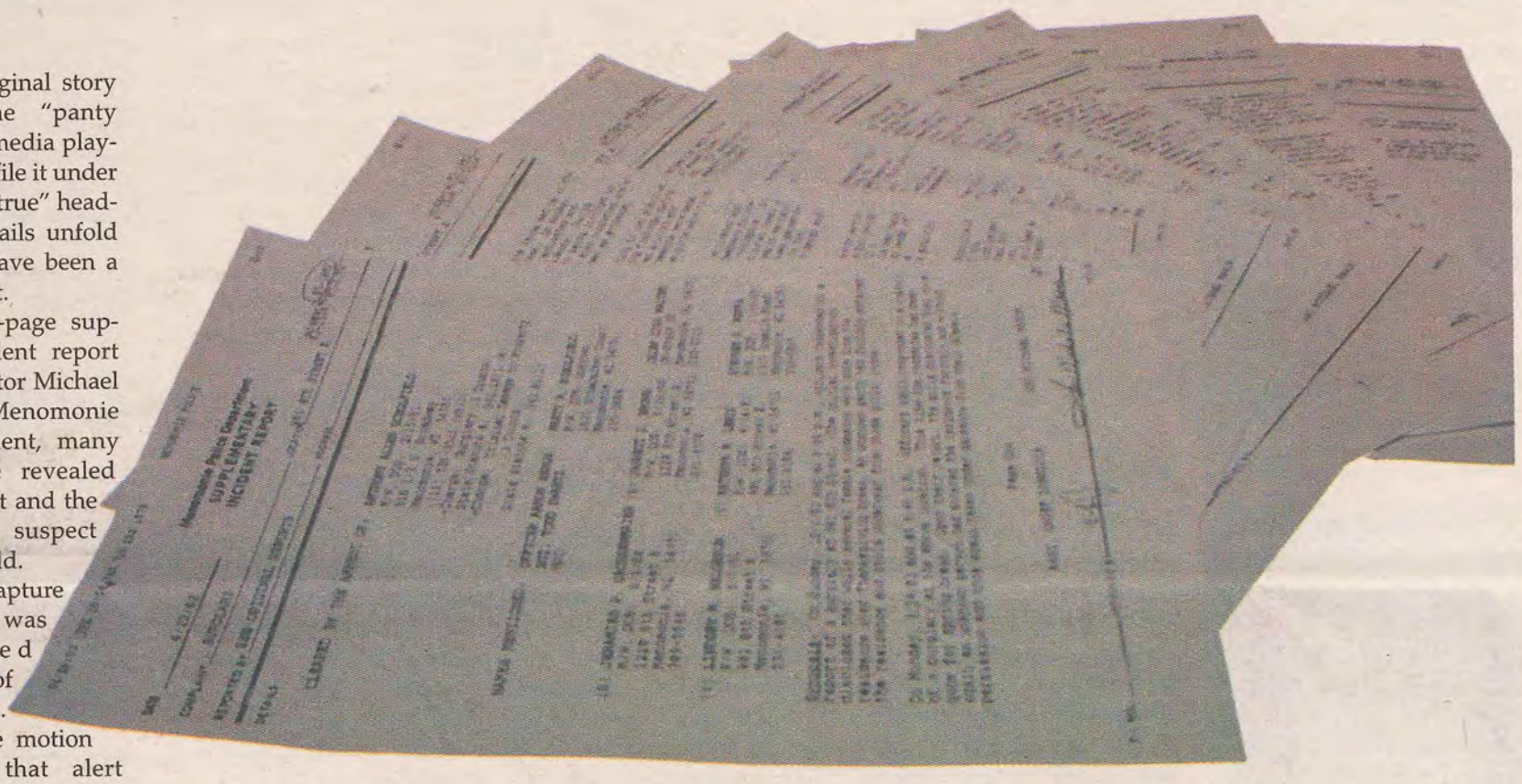
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Four guys that love to make music come together and form the band *Throw the Fight*

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Report shows more than a "prank"

Nick Coenen
The Stoutonia



by Russ Bowers, The Stoutonia

This seven-page document filed by investigator Michael Mason of the Menomonie Police Department paints a picture of Anthony Scholfield that was widely ignored by the major media outlets.

When the original story broke about the "panty theif," the major media players were quick to file it under the "strange but true" heading. As more details unfold though, it may have been a rushed judgement.

In the seven-page supplementary incident report filed by Investigator Michael Mason of the Menomonie Police Departhment, many new details are revealed about the incident and the character of suspect Anthony Scholfield.

The actual capture of Scholfield was accomplished through the use of VARDA alarms. These alarms are motion sensor alarms that alert police officers that an intrusion has occurred.

On April 20 at 4:44 a.m., police responded to a VARDA alarm and subsequently arrested Scholfield while he was still in the residence.

At interviews following his arrest, Scholfield admitted to being invovled in two of three of the previous burglaries of 1220 6th St. E. He later admitted to involvement in the third as well.

At each of these burglaries, Scholfield admitted to taking close to 70 pairs of women's underpants in each trip to the house.

In these interviews conducted by Mason at the Dunn County Jail, Scholfield admitted to having a fetish for women's underpants. He also admitted that he had acquired the 854 pairs of women's underpants over a span of at least four years.

This time span included Scholfield's stay on the 2nd floor of Wigen Hall in January of 2000 where he said he began stealing women's underpants. He said they were taken from random rooms that were either open or unlocked. He would then enter these rooms and search the room for the garments he desired to take.

Scholfield also told

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Cagle reflects on students' impact

Tim Solfest
The Stoutonia

For the past two years there has been one individual who has made many valuable contributions to the University of Wisconsin-Stout.

He is a senior in business administration originally from Oshkosh, Wis.

For the past two years he has served as the student body president for the Stout Student Association (SSA).

His name is Rome Cagle and these are his thoughts on being the president for the past two years.

Campaigning for Presidency

During the spring of 2001 Cagle was serving as the Landlord Tenant and City Affairs (LTC) Director. The president was Mandy Underbakke.

"She was a good person, not president," said Cagle.

Cagle felt that things needed to be done so he decided to run for president. His campaign was based on the idea of building respect and empowering students. He wanted to challenge himself to another level.

"I was scared of losing; it was the most nervous I had felt in my life and it kept me honest throughout my campaign," said Cagle. "I spent countless hours talking to students."

Situation of SSA

"It [SSA] didn't have a sense of itself. Senators weren't trained, issues weren't brought up and allocating money was the only thing they did," said Cagle.

He recognized the executive board as being an important part of the organization.

"That is why I decided to restructure the board and eliminate the organizational affairs position (whose

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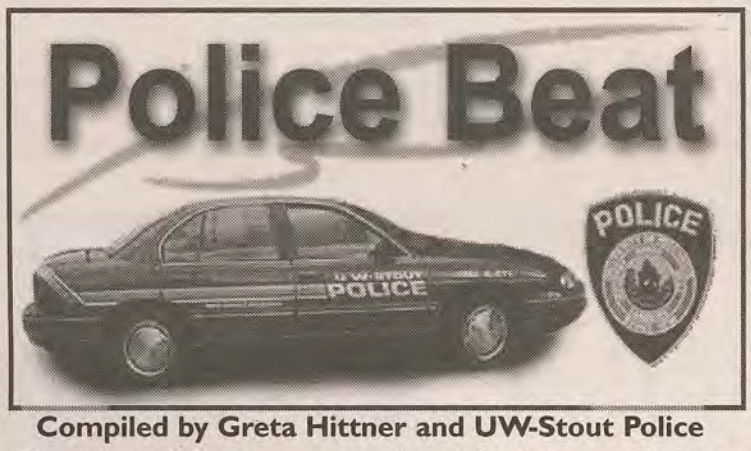
Former SSA presidents Rome Cagle (left) and Mandy Underbakke (right) enjoy their time as students.

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Weekend Weather

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Compiled by Greta Hittner and UW-Stout Police

Ghosts in building
A staff member reported on April 22 that an administration building custodian found the front door to room 103 open Tuesday morning. Staff members remember locking the door Monday night at 4:35 p.m. In addition to the open door, another staff member found her computer on when she distinctly remembered turning it off the night before. Nothing appeared to be missing. No other information is available at this time.

Stolen laptop
A student in Curran Hall reported on April 22 that her Gateway laptop was stolen from her dorm room. She and her roommate left briefly and closed the door, but left it unlocked. When they returned they found the computer missing. The roommate's laptop computer was not disturbed.

Stolen Zip drive
On April 23, a staff member reported a stolen Zip drive from Harvey Hall. The theft happened on Tuesday, April 22 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The lab was open during these hours. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Stolen CDs
A student in Chinnock Hall reported that on April 23 someone stole 250 to 300 CDs from his room between 8:30 p.m. and midnight. The CDs were in a nylon case and were valued at approximately $3,000. It was not reported if the room was locked or unlocked.

Stolen permit and CDs
A student reported that over the weekend of April 18 through 20 someone broke into his locked car and stole his parking permit and 60 CDs, a total value of $720. There were no signs of forced entry, however the vehicle was locked over that weekend. The student also reported that he found two parking citations on his vehicle. There is no more information at this time.

Broken mirror
A student reported that the driver's side mirror was smashed off of her car on April 26 in UW-Stout Parking Lot 4. This is the third time this year that mirrors have been broken off her car in lot 4. She thinks someone is targeting her because she is a resident advisor. There are no suspects at this time.

Two stolen laptops
On April 17, a student reported that while she was out of her room, two UW-Stout issued laptops were stolen, the student's and her roommate's. The theft occurred between 3 a.m. to 11 a.m. Her room was empty and unlocked during that time.

Stolen TV
The Kranzusch hall director reported on April 27 that someone stole the TV out of the blue room in the basement of the hall. The value of the TV is $180. There are no suspects or witnesses at this time.

Cagle / Reflects on Stout Student Assocation presidency

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duties are now under the vice president)," he said.

"I walked into a lot of responsibility," said Cagle. "I had requests to go the Chancellor's Advisory Council (CAC) while I had classes during those times."

Malcolm Baldrige Award

Cagle felt that it was great that UW-Stout won. However, he didn't feel it proved the academic quality, but rather it proved the business quality of UW-Stout.

"I think there is a false pretense out there that having the word Baldrige on a student's resume gives you an advantage in being hired; the advantage comes from the quality of the programs [not the award itself]," said Cagle.

The Baldrige award ceremony that was held in Washington, D.C., was an amazing experience for Cagle.

"Meeting President George Bush was more humbling than anything else, I said a single sentence to him I will never forget, and he will never remember," said Cagle.

Working with Administration

"The administration saw me as the single voice for 8,000 students," said Cagle. "I attended the CAC on a regular basis."

However, he didn't talk a lot. When he needed to though, he spoke up. This meant that when he did talk he was taken with more respect.

"Someone who speaks less and softer has more often impact than someone who speaks loud and often," said Cagle.

SSA is part of a checks and balances system at the university. SSA holds the Chancellor accountable.

"If there were no SSA [UW-Stout] would be a private institution," said Cagle. "We would not have an impact on our environment."

He feels that shared governance is the difference between a public and private school. A private school may have a student government, but they would have no power.

Relationship with Chancellor Sorensen

"When it comes right down to it, Chancellor Sorensen doesn't have to listen," said Cagle. "He realizes, and faculty realizes that we [students] are customers and without us there is no school. Overall he is very responsive to students' demands."

Chancellor Sorensen also had positive feedback about Cagle.

"He's mature, thoughtful, intelligent and representing the students well," said Sorensen. "He puts students at the center in a thoughtful way. He spoke up at the CAC and it was always well thought out; he is professional."

Would you do it again?

"As the President you're growing [as a person], but the growing is expensive; the experiences you give up are so much," said Cagle. "You [as president] almost get isolated. I wanted to join different organizations, intramural sports and hang out with people in my classes but I couldn't do that."

However, Cagle liked the idea of being able to help set university policy and wanted to leave personal mark on campus.

"I [had] a passion for the job; I enjoyed making students' voices heard," said Cagle. "It was worth it that I have a 2.6 cumulative GPA and so much of my time was taken up by greatly impacting the lives of students."

Cagle summed up his two years by saying, "It was an awesome ride, a great experience, but I'm happy to be a student for the first time in five years."

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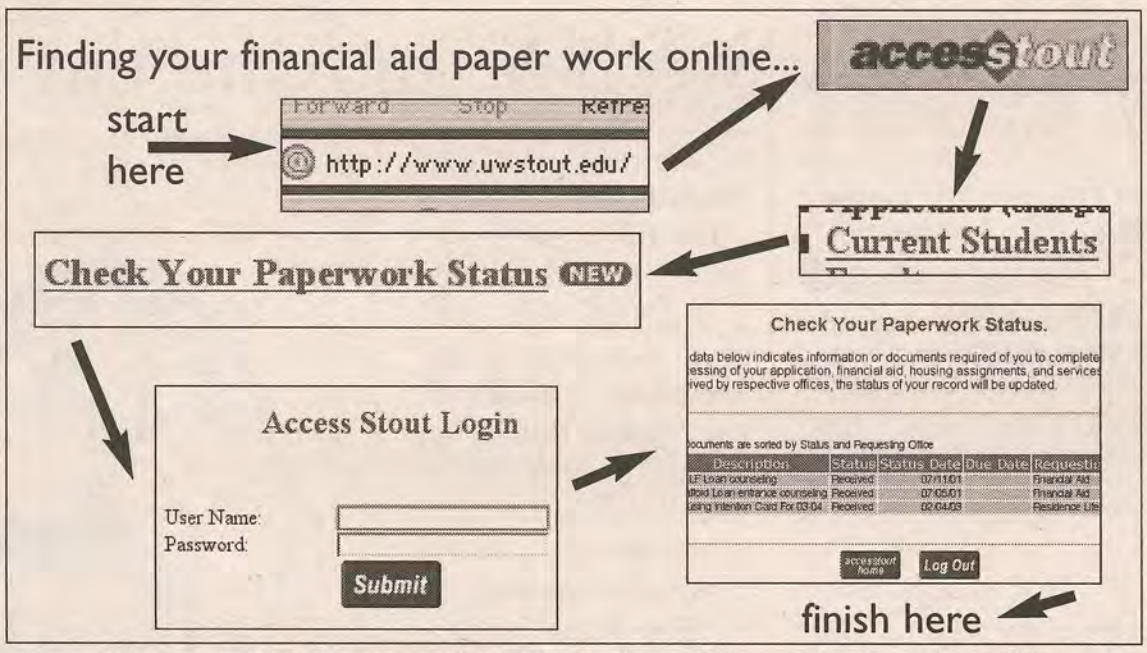
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Access Stout adds new feature

Shanon Lehrke
The Stoutonia



University of Wisconsin-Stout officials are continually looking for ways to keep the campus up-to-date with cutting-edge technology. Society is evolving into a 24/7 environment and UW-Stout is accommodating to the changes.

The spring 2000 semester marked the beginning of 24-hour student service with the development of Access Stout. With this program students are able to register online, at all hours of the day.

The most recent 24-hour service advancement is that students are now able to check their financial aid and residence life paperwork status online.

"This is like the next generation of Access Stout," said Christine Enger, assistant director of financial aid.

This service allows students to check the progress on their financial aid and residence life paperwork instantaneously. Most offices on campus are only open from 8:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and this does not always fit well with student schedules.

"Being an off-campus student, it is a lot easier to access that information online and at any hour of the day," said Cassandra Robinson, a senior in business administration.

According to Enger this is just another service offered to help students and they are still welcome to schedule appointments with financial aid advisors.

"It's not to discourage people to make appointments, but it does offer more ways to communicate," said Enger.

Another benefit to the online format is that it cuts down on paper usage and it is faster and possibly more reliable than regular mail.

The offices worked directly with the department of Information and Operating Systems (IOS) to create this service.

"I cannot emphasize enough how much IOS people have helped make this work," said Enger.

To make the paperwork status feature function, IOS had to work with Datetel. The information is pulled from other sources and then pushed to a personalized screen that was developed for every student.

Since the information is pulled directly from other areas it does not have to be specifically entered just for this service and the only labor put into it was during the initial set-up.

"It has been modified electronically and now we can display the information to the students immediately," said system programmer Jeff Ohvall.

The next addition to this service will be admissions. New applicants will soon be able to check their status as well. They will be able to see if their final transcripts were sent over, as well as the other financial aid and residence life paperwork.

"My hope is that students find it useful and that there is utility in it for them," said Ohvall.

Report / Shows character and history of Scholfield

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Mason that through the use of internet chatrooms, he had negotiated the exchange of a pair of his boxers for a pair of the woman's underpants in return. He believes he had received 1 or 2 pairs through this method.

In interviews with Scholfield's closest friends, Jarrett Brown and Jeramiah Townsend, both UW-Stout students, it was apparent they had no idea Scholfield had committed these crimes.

Brown was described as "shocked" by the news that Scholfield had participated in such an incident.

With these new developments, it is clear that the seriousness of this issue was largely ignored by the media and even by the student body at UW-Stout.

Dan Nevers, a professor of criminal justice at the Univesity of Wisconsin-Madison agrees that this case is more than just a simple "panty raid."

"For one thing a 'panty raid' was very public and done as a group," said Nevers. "The secrect of this situation is one of the danger signs, and even though the public may view it as frivolous, obviously the victims do not."

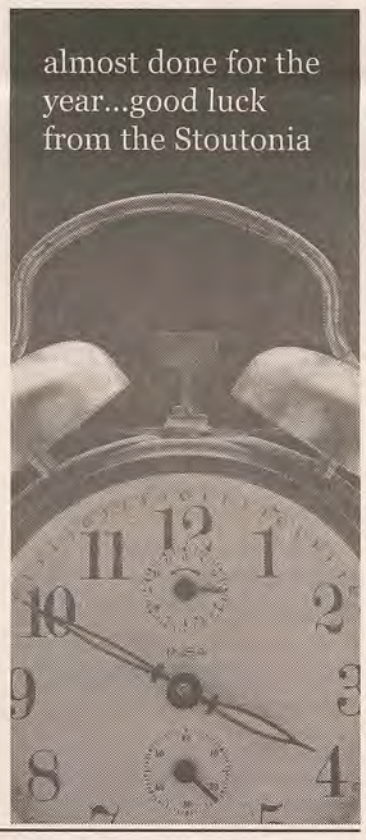
Nevers went on to explain the serious trauma that an event like this can have on the victims. Unless the victims are assured that they did nothing to cause this action to occur to them, it can lead to serious insecurity and paranoia for the victims. Without any form of intervention, it may even seem as though the problem persists long past the arrest of the guilty party.

While it may never be totally clear why Scholfield took his personal interests to such drastic levels, Nevers gave some insight to the situation.

"People develop sexual attractions," said Nevers. "For most of us, the attractions are legal and we control them to avoid victimizing others. Others go beyond the line of social acceptability and some, as in this case, engage in criminality."

Nevers also suggests that with proper guidance and support, this sort of sexual focus can be treated, much like alcohol and drug use.

Scholfield is scheduled for trial on May 20 where he will be formally tried for three charges of burglary and criminal damage to property.



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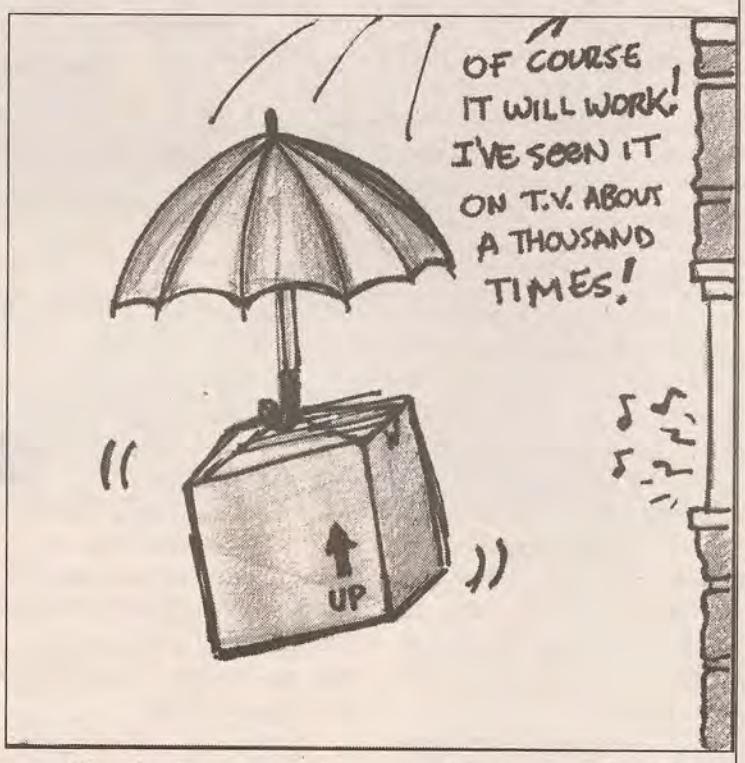
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Next year we'll be moving out in March



Let's play Conan O'Brien's little game of "In the year 2000."

In the year 2000 University of Wisconsin-Stout students will be required to have their lofts down and rooms back to original settings on the 31st of March.

That sounds crazy for many reasons. The fact that it's past the year 2000 is the least of those reasons. It is getting to the point where moving out of the dorms has become a challenge for the majority of students.

Trying to juggle taking down a loft and storing one's belongings until the end of the school year is a huge undertaking.

"Hey roommate! Where do you want me to put the entertainment system?"

"Oh. Just put it on my bed. I'm cool with sleeping on the floor."

Trying to find a place to park during finals week is a task equal to keeping an ice cube from melting in Hell. Freshmen have just gotten done with their first year of college, a set of finals and are packed up to go home. Only the slight parking/obstacle course stands between them and summer.

For some upperclassmen, the most annoying part of the end of the year is trying to find a storage space for the time when their lease ends and the time they are able to move their entire life. Those storage spaces must just rake it in.

In the few dorms that have elevators people on the upper floors must be happy they can use the elevator to haul down their loft lumber. Not so. No wood from lofts is allowed on the elevators? What are they saving the elevators for then? The bedspreads?

The last roommate to leave the room might find themselves having to deal with a problem that they did not create.

Not that anyone has ever had a roommate they didn't get along with.

"Dude. Where's my hot pocket?"

"Not even if I were starving would I eat a hot pocket man. So to answer your question, I was beyond starving and I ate your food."

What is the solution to all of this? Well there probably isn't a truly great solution, but at least a step in the right direction would be having a campus move-out day.

Students wouldn't necessarily stay until the move out day, but at least with one day when everyone knows the move-out is coming they could plan for the craziness that ensues.

The hardest lessons of college



FAR FROM HOME
Nick Coenen

I don't exactly remember it, but I'm sure when I was first born, I was a very dumb kid. This is not to say that I was any more or less intelligent as those around me, I just have to think I was pretty dumb.

When you think of how much a person learns in just a year, it is only reasonable to think that when we were first born, we were rather naive and in turn rather dumb from our lack of understanding.

From my perspective, I think the same can be said about life in college. As you stay here longer, you become wiser. It's only logical to think that way.

Or at least it should be. But if that were true, would we really have so many six or seven year seniors?

The reality of it is that aside from learning things like the differences between accounts receivable and accounts payable and what the atomic weight of a nitrogen is, there are many other lessons to be learned in college.

For those who have been sleeping in this class called your life, here are my notes.

Class

You may find this surprising, but this is why you are at college. If you wanted to keep half-assing it like you did in high school, you should have done to work at Arby's like the rest of your graduation class.

I swear that every class I've ever been in there is always that guy. You know who I mean. The guy who stumbles in smelling like and looking like he spent the night in someone's beer soaked basement (and probably did). For these people, have no sympathy. You wouldn't give a heroine addict a dollar to buy a fix, so don't give notes to a burnout either. It's survival of the fittest, and someone has to be the gazelle getting mauled.

Scheduling

If you take 12 classes just to stay a full time student, you better have three kids, a mortgage and a fulltime job.

If this is not the case, and I don't think it is for many, at least take 16 so you can get out in close to four years.

Group Projects

If I had a dollar for every time a Stout professor assigned a group project, I wouldn't even have to be at this school. I'd be independently wealthy.

With that said, there are a few rules we should all keep in mind when it comes to group work.

First, you need to pick your battles. Someone is bound to comander the project and do most of it. Just make sure you take your turn at least once a semester.

Second, if you aren't the comander-er, you better be sending some support. If it means research, do it.

Finally, know that no matter what professors tell you, group work is not the way the real world works. If it was, we would have the same pathetic work ethic in corporate america that we do in college america.

That's good for this week. I hope you all took notes. Next week will be much harder...and bound to upset at least some of you. I apologize in advance.

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Letters to the Editor

Sports section MIA

Does UW-Stout still have any sports teams? You wouldn't be able to tell by your sports section. As a Blue Devil Alum and former athlete I try and stay current on what's up at Stout, and the this year the Stoutonia is no help at all.

For instance last week there was an article on the Packers'Draft, now unless Mel Kiper Jr. is wrote it nobody cares!

Where's the feature stories on UW-Stout athletes? It seemed the last couple years the paper was really getting it and now, there is nothing of substance.

I know it is not easy to put a weekly publication together, but lately it seems like you're hardly trying.

Jeremy Mayfield

Lewis is wrong this week

I think to have a valid opinion one must, at the very least, be informed on your topic of debate. In this century it has been the Republican Party that has led the way in environmental policies.

It was Nixon's White House that created the EPA. Teddy Roosevelt led the way for the creation of National Forests. Look at the Healthy Forest Initiative and show me where it says "clear cut" the trees.

The Democratic Party has done everything BUT promote stewardship of our natural resources. For every tree cut down for logging 2 get planted.

If you are as driven as I think you are about preserving our natural resources, I challenge you to this: Next time you are in the lavatory remember where the toilet paper came from and do one of these three things after relieving yourself.

1. Nothing, just walk out.
2. Use your hand.
3. Carry a cloth in a ziplock for reuse but remember. It takes petroleum (oil) to make the ziplock.

It takes coal or uranium to give you the electricity to clean your cloth in the washing machine.

Scott Jungmann
BFA 1994

Harsdorf is also wrong

Hey John. It's Josh your former boss. Get on the liberal train for once. I mean are you seriously promoting war? I mean when the war was becoming a topic in the news, you were perhaps part of an organizazion that supports the positions of the Bush agenda, which in turn is funded by students that maybe adverse to your way of thinking. And you are active perhaps by working for a newspaper that is seen by many students and with your constitutional right to free speech, have written an article, that is published and trying to persuade the minds of others to agree with your ideas. Which is also an organization that I fund. So technically I would like to have you removed from the staff of *The Stoutonia* and as president of the College Republicans because you are not speaking for me. Along with Blue Devil Productions changing the name of their event.

Where does the absurdity end? Don't you ever get tired of playing for one team. There are not seperate teams in terms of life. There is only one. We all rely on each other to progress our civilization and our own lives.

Where are the articles about the ploy by CNN trying to get you to buy the exact video phones they were using for all their coverage in Iraq during commercials. Maybe about the revolving doors between pharmaceutical companies and government positions(ie Dick Cheney) and how that effects the policies addressed for potential national health care, which is used by many of the richest countries except ours(and we are the richest country)

I can honestly see why you chose to right about this since it is engrained into your life. Yet serious issues are denied acknowledgement from both sides because we spend all our time on who can make the most subversive noise with no actual reason as to why we are refuting it. Only on rare occasions do we make actual progress into positively changing our world.

Maybe we should give more money to the Al-Qaeda again to try to solve our problems. Or maybe you just leave well enough alone and find a better cause to rally against

Reporting from the middle of Germany,

Josh Peters
UW-Stout Exchange Student

Hey Josh. It's Nick Coenen, *your* former boss. Thanks for writing, but grow-up.
Reporting from the middle of the memorial student center,

Nick Coenen
Editor-in-Chief

Peace finally has a chance thanks to action



COMMONSENSE
John Harsdorf

As the school year winds down and the finals pressure cooker begins to heat up, I find it harder and harder not to put off my studies. To stay focused I found a great quote that sums up my situation, "You cannot escape the responsibility of tomorrow by evading it today." This quote from Abraham Lincoln was probably not spoken in regards to my finals, but instead his responsibility of holding our country together during our civil war.

Lincoln understood the gravity of his decision, and the impact it would make on our country. Yet to allow the crime of slavery to continue was something he could not accept, and he faced his responsibilities and helped put our country on a path of equality and justice for all. Now over a hundred years later, he will once again be at the center of attention for answering the responsibilities of tomorrow.

As the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln sails into her homeport we are reminded of how important this countries' responsibilities are. It is here that our President will be announcing the commencement of combat in Iraq, representing the successful answer to our responsibilities.

No longer are men and women living under a reign of fear and oppression. The acid torture chambers will never hear another scream. Tyrants and generals who lived lavish lives while their people starved will never know such luxuries again, and will be punished.

Under the President's leadership, the U.S. did not put off the difficult and important decisions that faced it in these rapidly changing times. We answered the call of the oppressed and set an example to other nations that have questioned and challenged our leadership. North Korea has begun unilateral talks to end their nuclear program, opening a road to diplomatically work out a resolution. In the Middle East, Palestinians have elected a new Prime Minister, which has allowed for the implementation of the road map to peace, which will establish a Palestinian state in 2005.

These positive developments are products of a President who has not been afraid to stick to his principles. Principles like honesty, endurance and hard work have made America into the great country that we are today. While the work is not nearly over, the progress we have made towards freedom and peace around the world is phenomenal.

By answering the call of our responsibilities we were able to rid a country of an evil regime, not by useless bickering with supposed allies. It is by answering the call of our responsibilities that we continue to keep our country safe. It is through the answering of these responsibilities that we will continue to keep America the great country that Abraham Lincoln fought so hard to preserve.

IRA doesn't deal with interest rates at all



FARAWAY
Ann Syrstad

With the media covering a war that many of us cannot associate with, I would like to look at a country that is consistently passed by in the western worldview. Northern Ireland is not only a country of its own, but it is also a part of the larger United Kingdom along with Scotland, England and Wales. The problems they face stem from the history of the entire island that Ireland is located on. England took power in Ireland in the twelfth century and ruled until 1922 when Ireland split from the United Kingdom Northern Ireland, a much smaller part of the island, remained in the United Kingdom.

The reason for the split rested in religion. When the British monarchy moved Protestant people into vast amounts of land and powerful positions. This created an imbalance of people and power, as the people of the country were mainly Catholic, as much as 93 percent, but the other 7 percent held the power.

Over the last forty years there has been violence throughout Northern Ireland as the Catholics formed a group called the Irish Republican Army (IRA). The IRA began bombing Protestant residences, churches, cars and people on Bloody Sunday in 1972. The IRA used terrorism as its main system of resistance to try pushing the Protestants back to England and making Ireland a whole nation. They were not very successful in this attempt. The Protestant people of the nation fought back in similar ways, and the country fell into "Troubles" as they called it. The violence of the IRA continued to increase as they became more political and openly opposed the British-based Government. It was not until 1994 that the IRA declared a cease-fire. This lasted until 1996 when the IRA began bombing in London and other English cities. A lot of violence followed until it was called off the next year officially with the second cease-fire.

Currently, the IRA is out of the terrorism business as it looks for a more political approach at achieving their objective. The political and social mood in the country is still tumultuous, but the terrorism has settled. As a traveler through the country it is very apparent that the people of the nation are trying to put this time of troubles behind them to cash in on the tourism business that they miss out on. The people of the nation are incredibly friendly to visitors, but become very close lipped when asked about the politics of the nation. Yet, the graffiti and the politics prove that the issue persists and will continue well into the future. Catholics are only 20 years away from becoming the majority population so the situation may solve itself, but not without further struggle.

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BDP throws a bomb of their own



Letters to the Editor

The following letters are all in regards to the recent Blue Devil Production, "Throw Parties, Not Bombs."

BDP Bomb D'em Productions

Throw Blue Devil Productions out of Stout!!!

Throw Parties Not Bombs was supposed to be a festival of peace. Were you there? I heard hate filled messages being screamed in an R&B fashion from a stage surrounded by students wearing shirts promoting violent messages, saw a man (who was paid by Stout to do it) hold the flag in a disrespectful fashion and proceed to throw it on the ground and stomp on it, and as if that wasn't enough, I heard the main attraction designate a song to stealing from your boss.

Hmm, what a positive message about the peace we all desire. To top that one more, as I was leaving early because of my feeling of embarrassment for being involved with such an event, I heard the same lead singer that promoted stealing from your boss; make a comment about the attractiveness of 14 year old girls.

I was lucky I hadn't eaten yet. I would have thrown up on the side walk. BLUE DEVIL PRODUCTIONS is the group solely responsible for promoting these idiotic bands and messages, and for that I congratulate them.

They have once again grossly misrepresented reality and Stout at the same time something they are quite good at. I am so glad I left before one band went on their I hate government tangent, (By the way, who pays for most of Stout? Oh yeah! The government.) and am also glad I arrived to support my College Republicans too late to be called a racist. I am far from it. What a peaceful day!

Jason R. Sheck

Dear Editor,

I knew it was coming. Over the past month I've seen advertisements for the Bluedevil Production sponsored event "Throw Parties not Bombs" from SSA emails to banners posted on the MSA. I'm just a freshman, but from what I hear from the upper classmen, usually this event is called Bash on the Grass. With the War on Terror spreading to Iraq, is it no coincidence that the Bluedevil Productions named it "Throw Parties not Bombs"?

Anyone with a brain will tell you it's a protest to the war. What I want to know is why does our school support only one side of the issue when the majority of America supports the war in Iraq? Does it fail to realize that our country brilliantly won the war in Iraq? I would have no problem if it was a just an ordinary concert. I like concerts. What didn't help was that the second performer completely slammed our country into the ground.

He ranted and raved negative twisted truths and lies about America using visuals like an American Flag that had American Corporation symbols imprinted on it. What was even worse, he used it as a noose, slammed it on the ground, and used other negative comments about his personal life using harsh profanity not once, but over and over again several times in the same sentence!

Now tell me, how does this appeal or even pertain to the student body? Everyone I talked to from HKMC did not appreciate the event, especially the second performance; it was loud and useless garble. Yes, its freedom of speech but the university should not sponsor an event that is politically slanted.

If the Bluedevil Productions truly cared about the student body, it would host more positive and balanced events pertaining to us, not just to a small minority especially those who have little care for themselves or our country. Thanks BDP!

Shawn M. Peter

To the editor:

I was greatly dismayed at the Throw Parties, Not Bombs event that was sponsored by the Blue Devils Production on this past Sunday.

As a member of a political organization on campus I understand the importance of differences in opinions but as an event that was not to have any political attachments I was greatly surprised at the selection of "artists" that "performed" and the message they carried.

I question who selected these individuals and what benefit they perceived Stout students would gain from such tasteless performances. I was appalled when one of the artists singled our group out and created an unwelcoming environment that was unnecessary and inappropriate.

It was also a disgrace to all of America and especially our troops that are fighting for our country to have a performer come on stage and disgrace the American flag by tossing it on the ground and waving it backwards proclaiming it the corporate flag. Due to the offensive nature of the event as a whole and the negative atmosphere that seemed to exclude Stout students, our organization left early in disgust because our segregated fees were used to sponsor such an event.

As a member of an organization I would like to see segregated fees used for a more positive event that would better represent the views of many Stout students instead of just a few.

VP of College Republicans
Heather Kuesel

Great Message for all

This past Sunday Blue Devil Productions hosted an event titled "Throw Parties, Not Bombs." The concept was born months ago (long before the war in Iraq) as a way of responding to our newly developed reputation of pipe bombers, and also to all forms of violence. As the event grew closer it became apparent that the title would be taken in many different ways. So the day has come and gone – we experienced some of the best entertainment in the country. We heard words of peace, words of violence, words that made us gasp, words that made us uncomfortable, and words that made us think.

The idea of freedom allows us all, students, staff, performers and organizations alike, the right to speak our minds. BDP respected this freedom by refusing to censor artists on stage, by allowing the College Republicans to "Bomb Saddam" with water balloons and by allowing all of us to be there, listening, talking and learning.

Institutions of higher learning exists for the advancement of knowledge; It is NOT to make us feel good; It is NOT to protect us from other views; It is NOT to spoon feed popular opinion.

With a predisposition for growth, with open minds, ready to live, ready to learn we are here. We cannot allow ourselves to be wrapped up in a cause or opinion so much that we deny others the right to share their own. We must respect and defend, at all costs, the right of our fellow citizens to speak their mind.

David A. Hay
President, SSA

Are "whateverisms" a new ethical standard?



CUP O' JOEL
Joel Shaw

Whatever. How many times have you heard that in response to a question you have asked? Did you like it? How many times have you said it? Did you mean it?

Generally speaking, when we ask someone for an opinion we expect that a reasonable amount of thought will be given to the question before getting a response. This is simple courtesy and indicates some degree of concern on the part of the person being asked for the person asking the question. We like to know that our concerns are legitimate and worthy of some serious consideration.

Most of us have a desire and need to belong to, and be a part of families, groups and societies. We establish our identities based on the cultural and ethical norms that we are exposed to. We determine the extent to which we are successful — or not — based on the day-to-day feedback that we receive from our peer groups and families. What are we really saying if we brush one another off with "whatever"? How successful are we?

Are we really saying we don't care, or are we just too busy or lazy to give the question any thought? When someone gives me that response, I think to myself "thanks for nothing" and I immediately feel detached from that person. I begin to reevaluate my relationship with that person. Why did they say that? Were they kidding or serious? Should I ever ask them a question again? What's up with that?

Why would I bother to ask if I didn't want some input? If I want help making a decision, and I seek counsel from a friend, should I be satisfied with "whatever" for an answer?

Would this sort of dismissive attitude work on a professional level?

Imagine if you went to a medical specialist for a second opinion and after explaining your medical condition and discussing the proposed treatment regime, the specialist looks you squarely in the eye and says to you, "whatever dude." All right, this may sound outrageous, but you get the point. I don't think you would be very happy with such a reply. As a matter of fact, I think you would do your utmost to bring that sort of behavior to the attention of the individuals superior and expect — rightly so — that some sort of disciplinary action be taken.

Or, you are in the middle of your first job interview, and the interviewer asks you how you would handle a certain situation in the work environment; after hesitating for a moment you say, "whatever, I'd figure it out." Will you get the job?

Do you give equal and fair consideration to everyone who asks you a question? It is a choice. When you make a decision, any decision, do you think about the immediate consequences to yourself and others? Do you consider both the long-term and the short-term effects of your action? Of course you do, how else would you be able to arrive at a decision? So think for a minute, if you were to flip a coin; or close your eyes and point; or draw a straw, and then base every decision you need to make on the outcome of those arbitrary events, regardless of the results, wouldn't you be saying: "whatever"? Would you expect any degree of success in your life and in your relationships if you lived that way? Next time give it some thought; show them you care.

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Midwest modern rock

Casualties behind: A long road ahead

Part one of two part 'Midwest modern rock' series

Aaron Hines
The Stoutonia



by Aaron Hines The Stoutonia

***Throw the Fight* was just one of the many bands that perfomred in Huff's last Thursday night in front of a packed crowd.**

Just add: five combined bands, four musicians, three former band mates, two college graduates/students and one new member; mix it around over a six year period and what do you get... *Throw the Fight*.

As a young, Midwest band trying to find its identity in the "it's already been done" world of music, the members of *Throw the Fight* have gone through more in six years than most veteran bands have ever had to deal with. Yet, they are holding their heads high and have been bringing a self-proclaimed modern rock sound to various venues in and around the University of Wisconsin-Stout area.

The story of *Throw the Fight* goes back to the spring of 1997 when *Throw the Fight* drummer Cory Huppert formed a band called *Another Bad Habit* (*ABH*) with some high school friends.

Very new to the scene *ABH* could barely play their instruments, but their love for music and entertainment pushed the band to constantly practice and play every show they were offered from college house party's and bars to Minneapolis clubs like Quest and seventh Street Entry.

Building a core following around the Minnesota and Wisconsin area with their "pop-punk" style, *ABH* gained a reputation as solid performers and great musicians with incredibly catching lyrics. In 2001, after four years, one album and hundreds of shows *ABH* decided to go their separate ways.

"I didn't see eye-to-eye with the rest of the band when it came to personal stuff. I'm a very personal person and I liked to spend time away from the band, and that caused conflict. After a few years of just taking it and not responding, I finally just said the hell with it" said Cory. "However, being in *ABH* was a great experience and I learned a lot from it."

In 1998, inspired by *ABH* and his own personal interest in music Cory's older brother Aaron Huppert picked up the bass guitar and formed a band called *Wide Open* in the basement of his UW-Stout house with his roommate and another mutual friend.

According to Aaron, "When we first started I couldn't even play. I only owned my bass for about two months before we started jamming."

Wide Open only played a handful of shows mostly at house parties where they would open for other bands.

"We probably drank more beer than practiced, but it was a fun time," said Aaron.

The band finally broke up in early 1999 because individuals in the band wanted to play different musical styles.

In the same year, roughly two hours away from Menomonie in Zumbrota, Minn. UW-Stout junio, Brandon Kyllo began a band with three high school friends called *Quixotic*. With their hard edge punk sound and ability to play various cover songs, *Quixotic* gained a local fan base which included *ABH* vocalist/guitarist Joey Brunner. The two bands played a few shows together and quickly became friends. After playing many local festivals, parties and at the Quest in Minneapolis, the members of *Quixotic* graduated from high school and not long after called it quits.

"Two of us went away to college and the distance made it hard to get together," said Brandon.

In 1998, Ryan Baustert came to UW-Stout with his guitar in hand and shortly after arriving formed a band with three college friends named *Downward Play* (*DP*). Being a young band in the college dorms, word spread about *DP* and they quickly began playing house parties and bars around the Menomonie, Minneapolis

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Students step out on their own to find work

Some students have to find other ways to find summer internships.

Diana Minea
The Stoutonia

The quest for an internship can be a smooth, unproblematic process. A student can go to the Placement and Co-op Services office in the Administration building, choose a company that suits their interests and goals, sign up and be on their way. Many students, however, are feeling lost as they search by themselves for internships.

Some majors like art and technical communication have fewer opportunities for internships through the Co-op Services office, while others like packaging, hospitality and tourism and graphic communications management have many. For those that find Co-op Services is not suiting their needs, there are other options. Using resources like the career fair, self-searches and talking to their program director for help seem to be the best options.

"We encourage students to search on their own because they need to know how to find jobs anyway," said Bruce Maylath, technical communications program director. "I've been surprised at how well students are finding them on their own."

He suggests searching through newspapers, contacting companies that sound fitting or just doing an online search using a search engine. It is also a good idea to let family, friends and instructors know that you are looking for a job.

While internships aren't required for some majors, program directors are encouraging students to find time to experience one anyway.

"As the economy becomes tighter the more important work experience is for our graduates," said Kelly Rylance, art program director.

This advice is also recog-

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and surrounding areas.

After a little more than a year they made a line-up change gaining a lead singer and soon recorded two songs on a compilation album put out by an upstart local label called "The Double O Project." After three short years together *DP* broke ties.

According to Ryan, "We didn't work out because there were some members who didn't take things as seriously as others. Some of us wanted to try and make a name for ourselves, while others wanted to just party. There were also a lot of egos to deal with. It made working together very hard."

Not loosing a stride after the break up of *Wide Open* in '99, Aaron once again joined forces with his college roommate and recruited one of his high school friends to take over lead vocals/guitar. Together they formed a band called *Stupid Smart.*

Focusing on their music instead of partying, *Stupid Smart* quickly gained a devoted audience as constant openers for *ABH* and soon began playing their own shows as well as at festivals, parties and bars developing a sound all their own.

In early 2001, the band decided they needed a more complete sound musically and lyrically. Hearing of the breakup of *ABH* and *Quixotic,* the band recruited Brandon to add a second guitar to the mix and Cory to play drums, thus pushing their drummer upfront as the lead singer of the group.

With their new lineup in place, *Stupid Smart* practiced endlessly, perfecting their sound and traveling all over Wisconsin and Minnesota playing shows and recording demos. The band was at their peak musically and finally enjoying some real success when serious personal issues between two of the band members brought the band to a screeching halt.

"We had some great times with this band and it all exploded or should I say imploded one day," said Aaron.

The band played a few shows and recorded two songs on the Double O Project compilation as a four piece but things were never the same. The remaining members of *Stupid Smart* broke up in mid 2002.

"*Stupid Smart* was fun but we broke up because of personal business. A lot of things happened that I'm not at liberty to talk about nor do I want to talk about; that was ultimately the fate of us," said Cory.

Missing the charge of creating music and playing in a band, Brandon, Cory and Aaron slowly began practicing together once again, however they all agreed to leave *Stupid Smart* material behind them and create a fresh start.

Still needing a lead guitarist they recruited former *Downward Player,* Ryan, who by now had become friends with the band through playing various UW-Stout shows, being on the Double O Project compilation album and through mutual friends.

Ryan added a guitar depth to the band that they never had before.

According to Brandon, "Ryan is definitely a standout when it comes to guitar, the guy is amazing."

With the new lineup in place there were only two questions: who was going to sing and what they were going to be named. The first question was answered when they decided that since both Brandon and Ryan had previously sung backup in other bands that they would share lead vocals.

The band began practicing at the Huppert Ranch in a shed that was converted into a party/practice area equipped with heat, television, couches, a refrigerator and enough sound power to reach the next town.

As March quickly approached, the band nabbed a gig in Menomonie at Ba Da Bings bar. With less than 48 hours until show time the band finally sat down and came up with a list of band names. They narrowed it down to a couple of possibilities and decided that *Throw the Fight* would represent their music the best.

According to Ryan, "I came up with the name a little while after my last band, *Downward Play,* broke up. It felt as if some of the members we're giving up a little too easily. Every time I hear the name now, it reminds me not to let all the little petty differences come between band members."

After almost six years of putting their blood, sweat and tears into playing in various bands all the members of *Throw the Fight* harbor physical and mental scar. Ryan, Brandon, Aaron and Cory are thrusting all of their past experiences into their music and have found a new passion and excitement for what they are creating.

"We write songs about our personal experiences and just life in general whether they are good or bad things that have happened to us in the past," said Aaron. "we've all had our individual problems in bands but I think we figured out the right mix this time."



The four guys in *Throw the Fight each play an important role in the music they produce.* (top) **Ryan Baustert- singer/guitar** (middle) **Brandon Kyllo- singer/guitar** (bottom left) **Aaron Huppert- base guitar** (bottom right) **Corey Huppert- drums.**

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Save the walk: Moped

Ryan Wessley
The Stoutonia

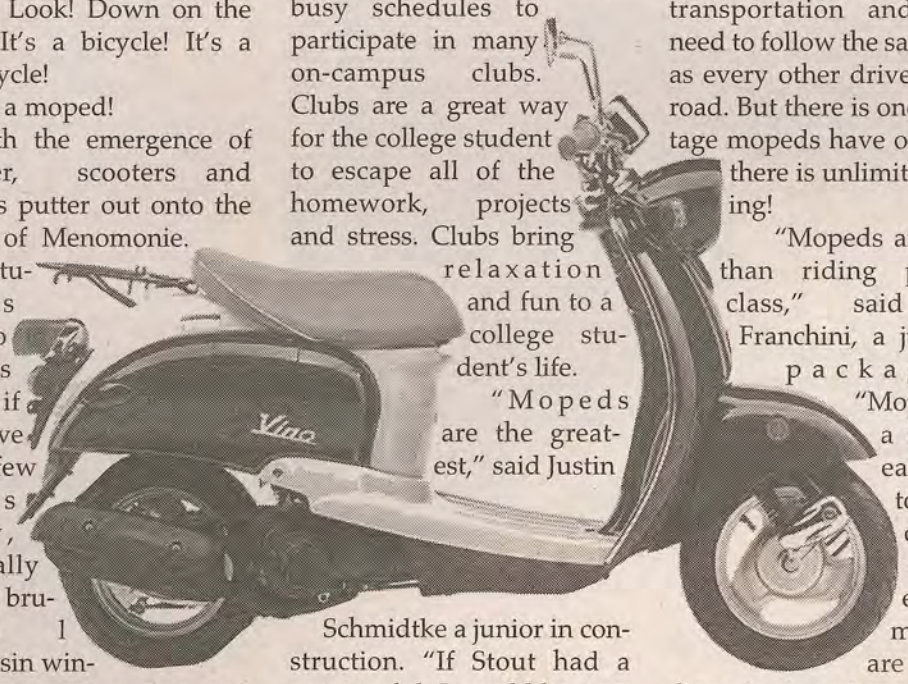
It's slower than a speeding Harley, less powerful than a Geo Metro and unable to leap tall hedges in a single bound. Look! Down on the street! It's a bicycle! It's a motorcycle!

It's a moped!

With the emergence of summer, scooters and mopeds putter out onto the streets of Menomonie. Many students drive to campus even if they live a few miles away, especially in the brutal Wisconsin winters. But once spring and summer arrives, from the garages and sheds come the mopeds and scooters of poor college students.

"Mopeds are the best and most effective way to get around campus," said Kevin Waldvogel, a junior in graphic communications management. "Moped's only downfall is that they don't work very well in the winter or traveling home from the bars."

There are many clubs, organizations and associations that are affiliated with the University of Wisconsin-Stout. Clubs such as the water ski club, boxing club, wrestling and many more are effective. UW-Stout students take time out of their busy schedules to participate in many on-campus clubs. Clubs are a great way for the college student to escape all of the homework, projects and stress. Clubs bring relaxation and fun to a college student's life.



"Mopeds are the greatest," said Justin Schmidtke a junior in construction. "If Stout had a scooter club I would be very excited and want to join right away."

With the end of the semester upon us and with the nice weather, more and more students are out enjoying themselves. Students are rollerblading, biking, running, playing basketball and sun-tanning. More than anything else, the buzz of mopeds can be heard turning corners and jumping curbs on and off-campus. If students are able to scrounge up a couple hundred bucks and find a moped in good condition, they have probably made mom and dad very upset by spending money that "they don't have" on a moped.

Mopeds are vehicles of transportation and riders need to follow the same rules as every other driver on the road. But there is one advantage mopeds have over cars; there is unlimited parking!

"Mopeds are better than riding pigs to class," said John Franchini, a junior in packaging. "Mopeds are a fast and easy way to get to class, considering mopeds are faster than pigs is a plus as well."

If any students want to start the first Stout Scooter Club, contact wessleyr@uwstout.edu.

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nized by students. Brent Traynor, a fifth year senior majoring in engineering technology, has done two internships and agrees that they can prove beneficial.

"It is a very important part of getting your career experience," said Traynor. "As competitive as the job market is, you need to get experience before you graduate."

Because of the fact that the economy is shaky at the moment, some students are finding the internship search extremely difficult. One student, Kim Vannorsdall, a junior majoring in technical communication, has been sending out resumes to numerous places that turn her down due to the economy. Along the way she has learned many ways to increase chances of getting the job.

"Make sure people remember you," said Vannorsdall. "Being professional is really important."

She also encourages students to start really early to ensure they will find an internship by the semester they planned to have one and to keep their options open, as well as their eyes and ears.

"Don't limit yourself," said Vannorsdall. "If you hear about a contact somewhere, e-mail them and try to ask for any known internships."

Even though many students, like Kim, are having trouble finding an internship, the Co-op Services office has had excellent results this year in the numbers of students involved in internships. During the last year, close to 600 students have found internships on their own and through the office. While Co-op Services may not always have a job that is perfect for every student, they are always willing to help find ways to find such a job.

"We encourage people to come in and sign up," said Howard Slinden, cooperative education coordinator/counselor. "Take advantage of the services we provide to help you find something."

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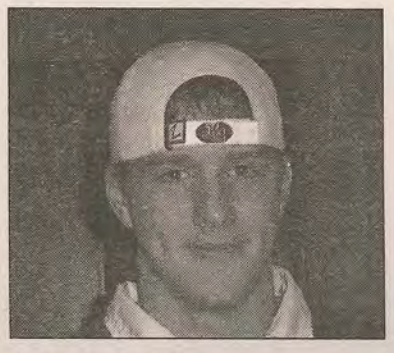
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"Hot pants."
~Joe Wiesneski,
fr., technical education

Campus Slant

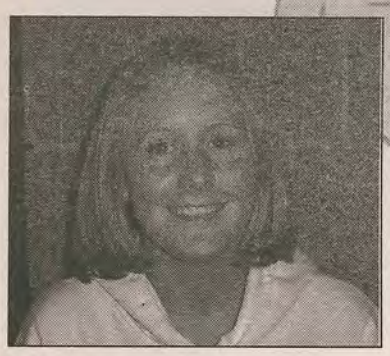


"Mullets."
~Marty Bothwell
fr., business

If you could bring one thing back from the 80's what would it be?

"Thong swimsuits."
~Tracy Netzer
fr., business

"Leg warmers."
~Tara Heston
fr., retail





Next Week:

What is the worst summer job you have ever had?

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TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

People love to complain, it's a great way to bond with the people around you. A common scapegoat of bitching for college students are their professors.

For those professors who feel you can do nothing more to get your students to like you while still upholding a proffesional classroom atmosphere, there's little you can do. Any form of work will cause most students to sigh and scream about all the other work they have to do.

While courses will inevitably require students to do some form of outside work, professors should avoid assigning mindless busy work. This includes, but is not limited to: graded daily worksheets, one page papers, paragraph summaries or questions out of the book.

While we hate long papers, projects and all tests, they are understandably necessary in moderation. Group projects need to be cut from every course all together.

There is always one member of the group that contributes nothing to the progress of the project, yet recieves the same grade as the hard workers. Opinions clash and people fight over the right way to approach the progress of the project.

I have found that professors that I hate the most during the semester in their class, don't seem half as bad when the next semester rolls around and I have someone worse. I find that there were things that I brought out of the class that I was too blinded to see before. When I used to avoid any coversation with the hated professor outside of class, I can now stop and chat with them about other things, even other professors. I realize that while I didn't like their teaching style, they were often easy-going people to chat with.

So, to all you professors searching to find a teaching stye that will win over the respect of students, don't lecture just tell us why we want to learn. make it interesting and make us participate. And no busy work.

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Fashion faux pas



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

With only one minute on her clock of fame this student walked down the well-lit runway in her Barbie-style sundress. Made out of an inflatable kiddy pool, the audience whistled and screamed with approval. This unorthodox fashion show allowed her, as well as 76 other University of Wisconsin-Stout students, to show their artistic impression of apparel.

The third annual Fashion Without Fabric show took place on Tuesday where design students modeled the outfits they designed and constructed using anything but cloth textile. Family, friends and students paid to witness the event and were overall entertained by some of the wacky designs. To the audience, the show may have seemed like a great way to spend a Tuesday night.

As a student participant, I felt the show lacked the production quality to sell it out for next year. Fashion without Fabric has definitely been gaining popularity in its three years, and is a great way for design students to show off their long grueling hours behind a needle and thread.

The co-producers that coordinated everything, from order of categories to judging, put a lot of time and effort into making this show. As former participants, Britta Anderson and Melissa Flicek did a thorough job at informing students about what would happen that night. They visited every design class twice to first inform them of things to think about while designing an outfit and later, explaining how Tuesday night would run.



Submitted by: Andrea Mossong & April Norden

Reed Kannas (l), Diana Minea (c) and Andy Meier (r) were the top three picks at the Fashion Without Fabric show in the Great Hall on Tuesday, April 29. The design students created their works for different categories.

Blue Devil Productions (BDP) produced, funded and advertised the event. They made sure Anderson and Flicek had all of the equipment they needed in working order.

The Emcees lacked the entertainment flair that the show needeed. As the center-stone of any live show, the hosts need to be a lively personality that sells the show. Instead of BDP assigning the roles to its members, the job should have been auditioned for, preventing a lack-luster duo.

The music was up-beat and fun, but could have been better thought out to correlate with the different categories.



Submitted by: Andrea Mossong & April Norden

Rachel Linbo (above) sported cotton balls to create her winter wonderland attire. Brett Heimstead (right) used basketballs, net, cardboard and plywood to depict his hoop dream.

The students were placed in 14 different categories, including a miscellaneous category called 'one of these things is not like the other.' Students were told to arrive two hours before the show would start, causing many to complain of boredom. They waited uncomfortably in their outfits, unable to find room to sit, or couldn't sit for fear they would wreck their outfit.

After a short delay the show started and students were shuffled on and off the stage so fast that blinking would cause you to miss a model.

The three judges were given ten to fifteen seconds to judge each student in six different categories ranking from one to five. Kelly Rylance, art department director, Woody Haid, assistant professor of art and John Murphy, dean of the college of art and design were the fast-eyed judges this year. With no more than a quick glance to determine the top ten outfits, the participants were shorted a complete and fair evaluation.

The two hours spent waiting could have been used by the judges to conduct private assessments. The rating system also needed to be extended from one through five to a one through ten grading scale.

After a fifteen-minute intermission, the judges' votes were tallied and the top ten returned to the stage. Although some in the top ten were deserving of the title, the judges' picks were a poor representation of the best of show. While opinions differ from person to person, there were better outfit designs that were left backstage as those ten walked onto the stage one more time.



The 411

May 1 - May 8

Thursday, May 1
- 9 a.m.-4 p.m., **Plant Sale**, Biology Dept., 2nd Floor Science Wing Jarvis Hall, only checks will be accepted
- 3:30 p.m., **Tennis vs. UW-River Falls**
- 5-7 p.m., **BBQ/Recruiting Event**, SITTA, Wakanda Park Lions Shelter, free, refreshments provided
- 8 p.m., **Open Mic**, Heritage Café, free

Friday, May 2
- 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., **Plant Sale**, Biology Dept. 2nd Floor Science Wing Jarvis Hall, only checks will be accepted
- 11 a.m.-2 p.m., **Support our Troops Grill Out**, College Republicans, flag pole near administration building

Saturday, May 3
- **Skydiving**, Alfresco Outing Club, $120/Tadem Jump & $155/Slackline, contact Tim Krueger 233-1161 for more info
- 12 p.m., **UW-Stout Baseball** vs. Concorida-Wisconsin

Sunday, May 4
- 3 p.m., **Spring Fashion Show 2003**, Stout Apparel Association, Great Hall, tickets available at the MSC Service Desk

Monday, May 5
- 7 p.m., Foreign Film Series-**Johnny Stecchino**, Great Hall, free

Tuesday, May 6
no events scheduled

Wednesday, May 7
- **Pie Baking Contest**, Sigma Sigma Sigma, Leisure Service Center, 1412 6th St. log onto *trisigma.uwstout.edu* for entry form
- 4:30-6 p.m., **Spring Leadership Reception**, Great Hall, MSC

Thursday, May 8
- 8 p.m., **Truth Maze, Time Shea and DJ Stage**, Heritage Café, free

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar? Send suggestions to

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Where Everybody Knows Your name



Janelle Klander
The Stoutonia

While some bars stay in business merely from the college population, others stay in business from other customers. These other customers usually go to the same bar at the same time, week after week. They are known as the regulars.

One of these bars is Shoe's Pub.

Dick Shoemaker has been the owner of Shoe's Pub for about six years, although the bar itself has been around for much longer under the name Thunderbird Lounge. One regular customer recalls the bar being around ever since he can remember. The crowd is described as a mix between townies and college kids.

"The regulars are my favorite," waitress Erin Tracy said.

Shoe's Pub may be ignored because it is one of the few businesses still located in the Thunderbird Mall. It displays a different atmosphere than a downtown bar, but that seems to be appealing to many customers.

"It's for people who want to have fun and don't want to be downtown," said Tracy.

Don't think of this bar as being low key; the customers here are known to get wild.

"We encourage dancing on the bar," Tracy said, "as long as people don't knock things over."

There is a drink special everyday: Morgan Mondays, Wednesday $4 pitchers and Thursdays are $3 double mixers to name a few. No matter what, there is always a beer special.

One of the oldest establishments in town is Tom and Joe's bar.

Tom and Joe Dunbar have owned this small bar for 22 years, although the bar itself has been around since 1890. The bar is located in a residential area on Tainter Street, a few blocks east of Broadway. The small crowd is made up regulars that have always gone to the bar.

"Townies come to this bar," said Karl Sauskojus, a sophomore in psychology who also bartends at Tom and Joe's.

There are no particular drink specials noted, but the bar does claim to have the best chicken in town.

"The cool thing about this place is that the bar is sloping because it is so old," Sauskojus said.

Although a customer couldn't state exactly why, he said that the bar was the best place in town.

There are regulars that have been coming to Tom and Joe's for a long time.

Although this bar isn't usually full, anytime there is a Packer game this bar is packed with rowdy Green Bay fans.

Another bar that has been around longer than our grandparents is The Den.

It is located downtown on Broadway. Tom Morrow has been the owner of The Den for 24 years, but the bar has been around for much longer than that. According to the owner, the bar has been there for over 100 years.

The crowd consists mostly regulars, but since the bar is conveniently located downtown, college students visit.

"A variety of people come here. Regulars during the day, working class in the evening; regulars and some college kids usually come at night,"a bartender pointed out.

Even on a Sunday afternoon, all the barstools were filled. The only noted drink special is happy hour according to the owner, although Old Milwaukee is usually on tap for $1.

"Most people look down upon this place because it's called The Den, but nobody cares here if you got money or not; everyone is treated equal," said Morrow.

These bars all stay in business thanks to the regular patrons that reside in or around Menomonie. They welcome college students, but enjoy the friendly routine that the regulars bring to their establishment.

Summer Music Festivals in the Area	May	June	July	Summer Music Festivals in the Area
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"The better you drink, the more we sound"



ALLSMILES
Brianna Schrader

Last night was my first time as an audience member of The Swing Crew. Rest assured I went in with a positive outlook having heard good things about the group, but instead left feeling slightly disappointed and less than impressed.

The group, who's known for their slapstick humor, bumper stickers and homemade instruments, made yet another appearance Wednesday, Apr. 28 at The Meet Market in Menomonie.

University of Wisconsin-Stout students, most of which had previously seen the group perform, rushed to the area in front of the stage.

Songs in the style of old country, island and tongue-twisting sing-alongs accompanied by drums, acoustic guitar and upright bass with an occasional fiddle and some random victim from the audience was the format throughout.

I'll admit, my standards for good entertainment no doubt differ from the majority of students my age. The true test of a group or performer's talents begins with attending a performance while being sober.

Having been a mobile DJ, I have three and a half years of experience entertaining rooms full of intoxicated people. Trust me. It's not very difficult.

While The Swing Crew's routine got a few chuckles out of me at first, it wasn't long until those chuckles turned into groans; I soon found their punchlines to be nothing but predictable. The rest of the crowd, however, continued to laugh it up and ask for more.

The most impressive part of the performance was when the ringleader, Dennis Reifsteck, brought out a saw and proceeded to play "Stairway to Heaven" on it while accompanied by acoustic guitarist Chris Utley.

Perhaps the most disturbing part of the night, aside from the fact that none of the band's members can carry a tune to save their life, was the poor audience members that were coerced on stage to either sing or play homemade instruments whose names were based on sexual inuendos.

The best part was that the participants were hugely rewarded for their efforts by receiving the notorious Swing Crew bumper sticker, strategically placed by one lucky audience member after numerous chants of "Install it!"from the crowd filled the room.

I have saved the best for last. The Swing Crew's claim to fame is "It's toastin' time" at which the crowd boisterously raises their glasses, bottles, etc. and awaits the next witty, poetic toast offered by Reifsteck.

If your idea of a good time is a group of 50-something men telling slapstick jokes, complimenting on your nice knockers and keeping the alcohol flowing, then I suggest heading over to The Market on Tuesday, May 13 as The Swing Crew returns for another night of idiodic humor and stunts. But don't expect to be able to sit and be a wallflower, as this band demands crowd participation.

THE SWING CREW

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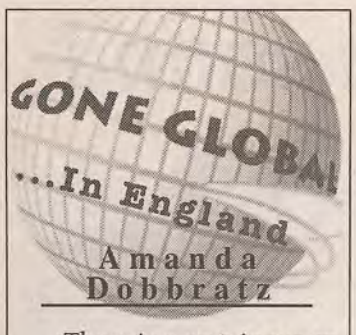
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There is a certain warm fuzzy feeling one gets from seeing familiar faces whilst walking through town; a feeling of belonging, of being at home. After three months of living in Worthing I have found that feeling… and now I'm leaving.

When I first got here I was a loner, an outsider and well, yes, a foreigner. From going to school, frequenting the local open mic night and patronizing the same shops I have met a lot of people. For some reason, being able to greet people on the street has been an integral part of helping me feel as though I actually live here.

I suppose that is something to do with the human yearning to belong, to be part of a community.

Before I left Menomonie I told myself that I was only going to England to work and to develop as a painter. I tried to protect myself from acquiring emotional ties. It hasn't worked.

It's been vital to embrace the transience of my situation. Once I leave England I won't exist here in any concrete way. Trying to build a semblance of a normal life somewhere, when you know you will only be there a very short while is a fatal endeavor.

It's like trying to stay asleep to finish a dream.

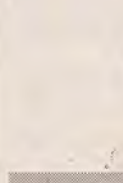
Such a temporary life can give a lot of freedom and has allowed me to figure out many things that I definitely would not have been able to do in Menomonie.

However, for all the benefits and life-altering experiences I have had here, I would not give up the security of having a place in a community.

It will be such a relief to be home and see the people I'm close to and be back at my various jobs and get a bottomless cup of coffee… ah, normalcy.

Anyway, despite all this lamenting my departure stuff, I am really glad that the end is near. All this cultural adaptation and personal growth really takes a lot out of a girl.

IDENTITY CRISIS



PURE JUICE
Bill Denney

We've seen movies about characters with split personalities before, but "Identity" has its own, twisted duality. Unfortunately, neither side is particularly satisfying. There's a serial killer and a probing interviewer. There are graphic crime-scene photos and a madman's notebooks and the sudden rush to truly understand a horrific murder spree.

But before you can say, "Well, hello, Clarice," the movie quickly cuts to a different picture. Suddenly it's a dark and stormy night and 10 travelers, including a cop, a fading movie star and a call girl, are stranded at the kind of motel even Norman Bates wouldn't work at. And then, one by one, they begin to check out permanently.

Although the movie occasionally cuts back to that first story, we spend most of our time with the second, watching as stars John Cusack, Ray Liotta and Amanda Peet either scream their heads off or lose them to a butcher knife. As we watch, another kind of anxiety joins the usual don't-go-in-the- basement nerves.

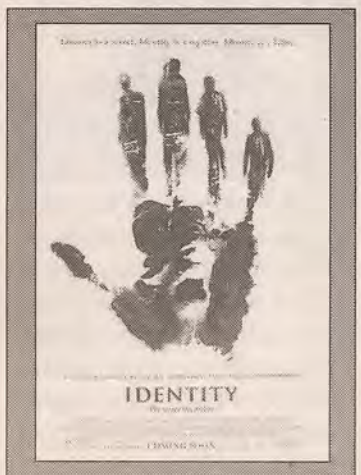
The characters (Cusack plays a tough cop turned celebrity limo driver) are pretty improbable. The gimmicks (at one supposedly scary climax the guests all realize they share the same birthday) are practically impossible. And the situations are frankly ridiculous. It's the sort of movie where, instead of driving a gravely injured person to the hospital, the hero drives there alone, to ask them to please send an ambulance.

It's a confounded thing to watch, especially as the plot grows more and more absurd. The only thing that keeps you watching is the single mystery worth solving: How the heck is the movie going to resolve any of this? Then suddenly it does, and if you're like me, you'll greet the solution with groans and boos and mocking laughter.

It's difficult to criticize the acting in "Identity" because of the final, unfair trick of Michael Cooney's script. The acting, though, is all over the place. Cusack is smart and likable, and Peet is pretty and unconvincing. Liotta is a loose cannon, and John C. McGinley is annoying.

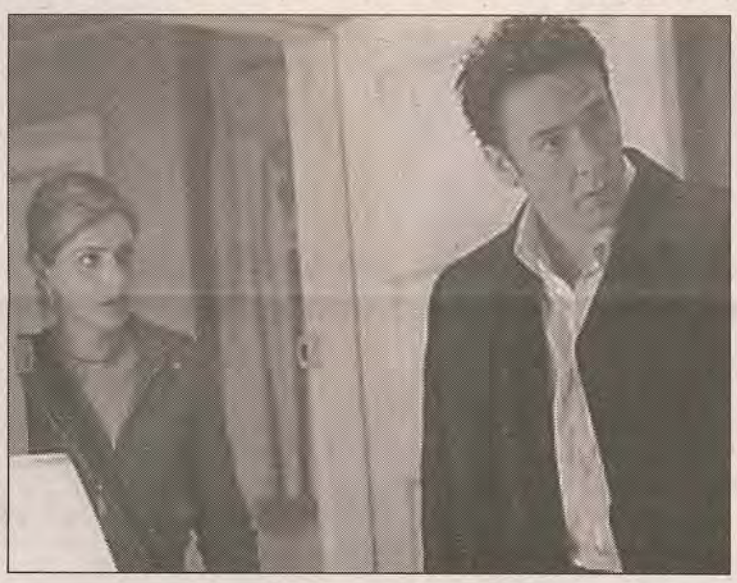
Vince first gained real attention as the star of "Heavy," the debut film of this film's director, James Mangold. It's been a small slide for Mangold ever since. His "Copland" turned an intriguing drama into a stupid shoot-'em-up, while "Girl, Interrupted" was nothing but a rich girl's pity party. His last film, "Kate & Leopold," has already been, mercifully, forgotten.

Our director for this film, James Mangold, unfortunately has done better work. "Girl, Interrupted" produced an Oscar for the lovely Angelina Jolie and "Kate and Leopold" may have been schmaltzy and overdone, yet it did hold your interest, but now Mangold gives us this over-directed slasher picture full of arty tricks and slumming stars. Does he realize what a comedown this represents? Can he feel the bottom beneath his feet yet? One and a half stars my friend!



Identity
starring John Cusack
Travis says: *"It's a confounded thing to watch"*
How it rates:

★½☆☆☆



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John Cusack and Amanda Peet star in the recently released "Identity." The flick calls to mind the styles of "Silence of the Lambs" and "Psycho."

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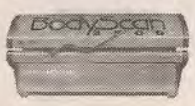


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Athletes and eating disorders



TALKTIME
Rebecca Werner

The public often views athletes as having reached peak physical fitness. What is unknown is the dangerous ways many people obtain their physique.

A study done by the NCAA found that athletes most prone to an eating disorder in descending order are: women's cross country, women's gymnastics, women's swimming and women's track and field events.

For men, the events are the same, however, the most familiar is wrestling.

In the late 90s, three college wrestlers died from eating disorders. In 1994, gymnast Christy Henrich died as a result of an eating disorder.

These stories have spurred researches to dig deeper into this story.

College athletes have a high likelihood of obtaining an eating disorder. Some of the blame has been laid on the coaches and judges who push athletes to tone up in order to enhance their performance. This innocent goal can quickly turn into a deadly obsession.

In 1997, a study done on NCAA athletes provided some information. According to their study 13 percent of males and 10 percent of female student athletes were found to binge eat at least weekly. 4.4 percent of females vomited for weight loss weekly and more than 25 percent of males used saunas or steam baths to lose weight at least weekly.



courtesy of, http://www.sd83.bc.ca/stu/9711/gab2ball.jpg
Approximately 90 percent of people who struggle with an eating disorder are female.

Intestinal shrinking, constipation, osteoporosis, headaches, weakness, fatigue, heart failure, broken blood vessels, teeth and gum problems, bleeding esophagus, irregular heartbeat, diabetes and sleep deprivation are only a few of the main side effects of an eating disorder.

"I was at University of Alabama and I was running for Track and Field," said senior vocational rehabilitation major Angela Russo. "I wanted to be stronger and faster and I thought in my head that if I had stopped eating and started working out more that I would get faster."

Some people think that food deprivation is the only type of eating disorder but, binging, binging and purging, taking diet pills or diuretics and working out to compensate for the food consumed are also forms of an eating disorder.

Being a good athlete takes dedication, discipline and team work. A main objective to being in a sport is to obtain the highest level of fitness. By denying yourself vital foods, or quickly ridding your body of calories will only hinder you in the end.

"In the end I had to quit," said Russo. "They said that I probobly would have died from a heart attack. I had broken so many bones because I lost the nutrients."

College athletes tend to be more vulnerable to eating disorders than recreational and high school athletes, making this topic so important.

Do not get me wrong. Athletics are a fantastic, time worthy part of life for me and many others. But, for the safety of yourself and friends I think it is good to stay informed on the downfalls in order to make the most out of sports.

If you are struggling with an eating disorder or suspect a teammate to be, address it with the coach. He or she can help that person get back on track and be the best athlete possible.



courtesy of, http://www.gymbox.net/sam_sheehan.htm
Gymnastics is a common sport to have student-athlete's suffering from eating disorders.

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Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Justin Biever

The Facts:
Baseball
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Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Justin Biever has been selected as a member of Team USA for the international Down Under Tournament in Australia this summer.

Teams are selected by USA Athletes International coaching professionals. According to its Web site, the organization specializes in international Olympic-caliber competition.

Last year Biever was named WIAC honorable mention and second on team in Runs Batted In (RBI). He batted 3-for-5 with 3 RBI in the first game as DH against UW-River Falls, then went 3-for-4 with 3 RBI in second game. These are among other acheivements.

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Weekly review/ UW-Stout teams are wrapping up their seasons

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Wisconsin-Platteville on April 27, then hit two out against University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point later in the day to extend her WIAC single season home run record to 15. She also tied Angie Pinnow for the school career record with 17 home runs.

On the season, O'Connell is batting .422 (43/102) with 20 runs scored, six doubles, three triples and 15 home runs for a slugging percentage of .980. O'Connell's fielding percentage is .994, with two errors in 355 chances.

It took UW-Stout all weekend to win a game at the WIAC Cluster Tournament, and they needed to go to the bottom of the seventh inning to pick up a 5-4 win over UW-Stevens Point on Sunday, April 27 at Wakanda Park.

After UW-Stout had taken a 3-0 lead on the strength of O'Connell's two home runs, the Pointers surged ahead with four runs in the sixth inning.

UW-Stout answered back to tie the score in the bottom of the sixth inning when, with runners on second and third, junior Kim Caswell hit a one-out sacrifice fly to center field to score sophomore Heather Novalany.

That's where the controversy came in.

A Blue Devil runner on second base left before the catch, and was thrown out at home. UW-Stevens Point appealed the call by throwing to second base, then questioned whether Novalany's run should count.

Had the Pointers thrown directly to second base, rather than home for the play at the plate, the runner would have been called out, negating Novalany's run because it would have been the third out.

After the rule book was brought out, the matter was cleared up with the score tied at 4-4.

After that, the Pointers stranded runners at second and third in their half of the seventh inning. UW-Stout's junior Scooter Aspen led off the inning with a single to right and was brought home by sophomore Kaela Wold's double to right-center to give UW-Stout a 5-4 win.

Earlier in the day, UW-Stout dropped a 6-4 decision to UW-Platteville. Also on Saturday UW-Stout lost a 7-6 decision to UW-Oshkosh in the first game and then lost 1-0 to UW-Whitewater in their second game of the day.

UW-Stout will compete next at the WIAC Tournament on May 2-4 at Platteville. UW-Stout earned the No. 5 seed, and will face No. 4 seed UW-Eau Claire on Friday, May 2 at 1 p.m.

Tennis

UW-Stout lost a 7-0 decision to Macalester College, on Monday, April 21 at Macalester.

Lauren Patient took her No. 2 singles opponent to three sets, losing 1-6, 7-4, 6-1.

Erica Millspaugh and Amy Boyle lost a tie breaker at No. 2 doubles, 9-8 (7-5).

UW-Stout will host Martin Luther College, Friday, May 2.

Track and Field

UW-Stout's sophomore Ann Schachtner recorded a personal best in winning the shot put at the UW-LaCrosse Women's Classic on Saturday, April 26 in La Crosse, Wis.

Schachtner threw the shot 44-feet, 2-inches, qualifying for an NCAA Division III provisional mark and won the event.

Sophomore Marci Schachtner from Deer Park, MN threw the hammer a provisional mark of 152-11 and placed fourth.

Junior Lewis Cassellius and Brian Anderson both finished fourth in their event at the Simpson Twilite Open on Friday, April 25 in Indianola, Iowa.



courtesy of, Sports Information

The softball team will be competing at their next WIAC tournament at UW-Platteville on May 2-4.



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Minnesota / Timberwolves square off against defending champs

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ever, the Wolves drew the reigning NBA champs in the first round and will likely lose in the first round for an embarrassing seventh straight time.

As I'm writing this, the Wolves are wondering if they can get the license plate of the Shaq that just ran them over.

In a sloppy, ugly return to the Target Center Kevin Garnett and Co. got it handed to them 120-90. Not really the homecoming the four seed underdogs had wanted.

I'm not really sure how, but Minnesota somehow came to be known as "The State of Hockey," and this year that might be true. For the second straight year, the University of Minnesota Gophers came alive in the NCAA Frozen Four and won the national championship. Insert your own "Cue the Riots" joke here.

Minnesota Hockey excelled at the pro level in the state-of-the-art X-cel Center. In only their third season the Minnesota Wild won over new fans and loaded up the bandwagon with the franchises first trip to the playoffs. Facing an über-contender in the Colorado Avalanche, the Wild came back from a 3-1 deficit with three straight 3-2 victories; the last two in overtime.

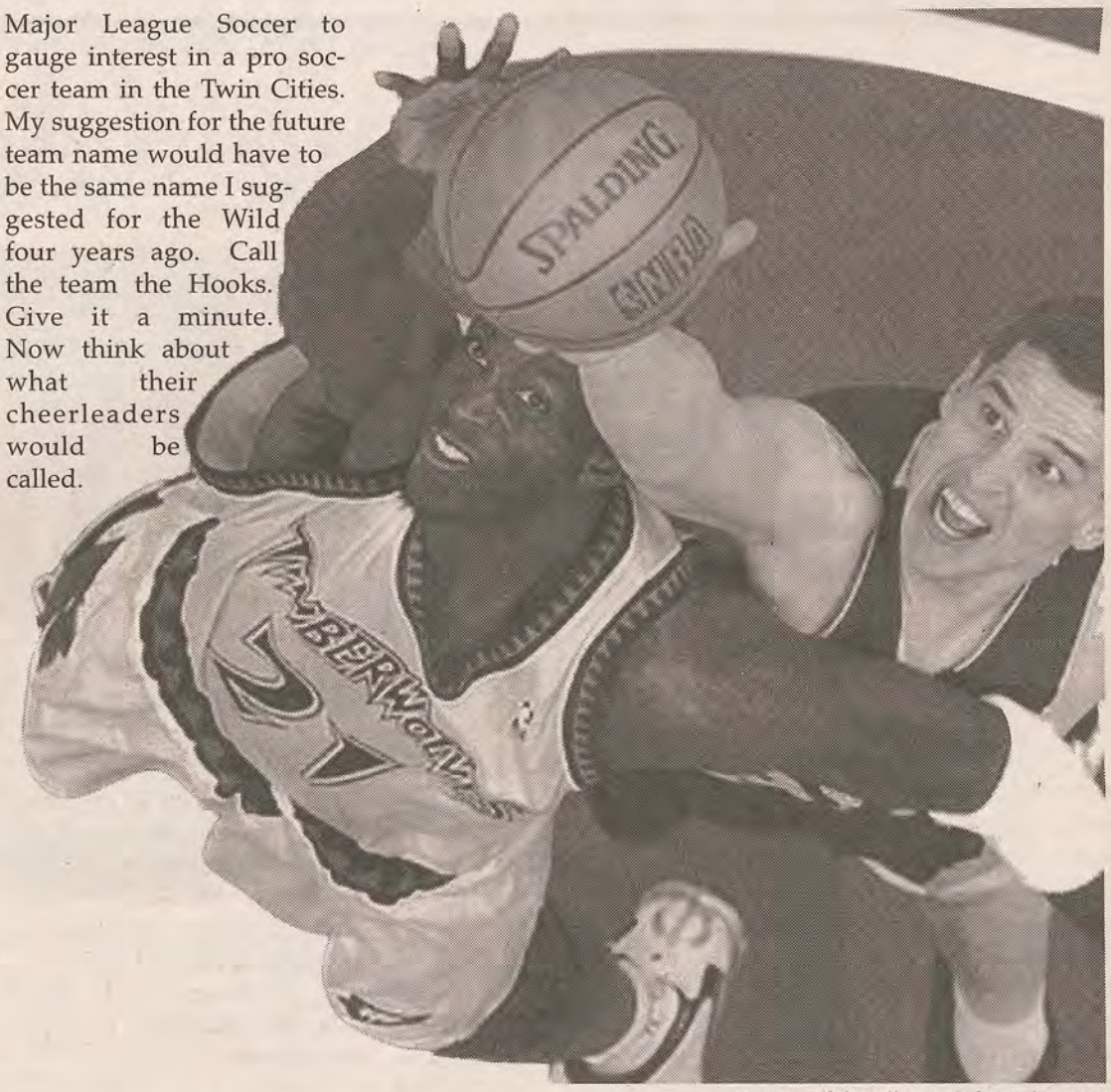
Translating that into layperson speak: The Wild beat the house. With a stick.

Unfortunately, the ice to the Stanley Cup didn't get any easier after that. Now the Wild are faced with their division rivals, the Vancouver Canucks.

I have a couple of problems with this. First of all, the Wild are only three years old; do they really have rivals? Second, what the heck is a Canuck?

As it stands now, the Canucks own a two games to one lead. Something tells me the Wild won't come back from 3-1 twice, so here's hoping they pull out a win before heading back to Vancouver.

Here is an interesting note for Minnesota soccer fans. Recently, Minnesota's resident soccer team, the Thunder, received a call from Major League Soccer to gauge interest in a pro soccer team in the Twin Cities. My suggestion for the future team name would have to be the same name I suggested for the Wild four years ago. Call the team the Hooks. Give it a minute. Now think about what their cheerleaders would be called.



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The Minnesota Timberwolves face off against the defending champions, L.A. Lakers, in the first round of the 2003 series playoffs.

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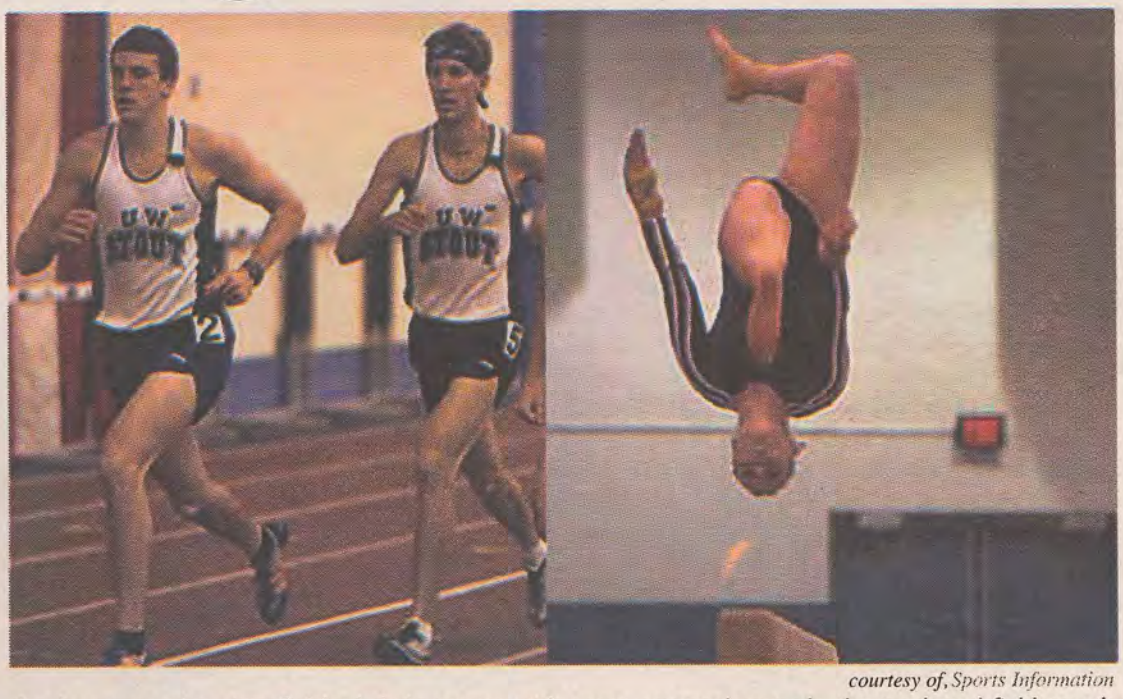
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Reviewing the week in sports

Jimmy Weideman
The Stoutonia



courtesy of, Sports Information

As the gymnastics team finished their season with some personal records, the track and field team's prepares to compete at conference May 3.

Baseball

On Tuesday, April 29, the University of Wisconsin-Stout Blue Devils broke an 11 game losing streak, beating Viterbo University 10-2 in La Crosse, Wis.

The Blue Devils held a tight 3-2 lead until freshmen Nick Ziegler hit a three-run home run, his first collegiate.

Junior pitcher Nick Jones scattered eight hits and went the distance to pick up the win in his home town.

Jones struck out six and walked only two in the seventh inning. Junior Jake Riek added a solo home run in the win.

The Blue Devils lost the second game 5-2 despite efforts from freshmen John Englund and sophomore Greg Meinertz. Englund allowed only six hits, but was tagged for four runs, three earned as UW-Stout committed three errors. Meinertz went 3-4 at the plate.

UW-Stout will be at UW-Superior on Wednesday, April 30, and then will host Concordia University of Mequon on Saturday, May 2.

The season ends by traveling to Duluth, Minn., to face St. Scholastica, on Sunday, May 3.

Gymnastics

Senior Tiffany Reber was named UW-Stout's most valuable gymnast by Blue Devil Gymnastics coach Jeff Richards at the team's annual awards banquet on Saturday, April 26.

Reber, who transferred to UW-Stout from University of Wisconsin-River Falls after the Falcons dropped the program, set or tied school records on three individual events: the vault (9.45), the balance beam (9.625) and the floor exercise (9.65).

Reber advanced to the National Collegiate Gymnastics Association (NCGA) national meet where she earned All-America honors in the all-around event.

Reber also shared the hardest working award with freshmen Cassie Johnston, who was also named as most consistent.

Johnston earned All-America honors on the balance beam, finishing fourth ,and was the regional champion in the floor exercise.

In addition, Johnston advanced to the national meet in the uneven bars and beam. Johnston shares the school record on the floor exercise (9.65) with Reber.

Senior Erika Opoien earned the most inspirational award and Robyn Niederkorn was named the most improved.

2003 UW-Stout Gymnastics Awards

Most Valuable – senior Tiffany Reber; Hardest Working - Reber, freshmen Cassie Johnston; Most Inspirational – senior Erika Opoien; Most Consistent - Johnston; Most Improved – freshmen Robyn Niederkorn

Softball

University of Wisconsin-Stout sophomore Erin O'Connell was named WIAC player of the week.

In eight games last week, O'Connell hit .714 (15-of-21) with nine runs scored, two doubles, two triples, seven home runs and 16 RBI for a slugging percentage of 2.000 percent. Drawing three walks and hit by one pitch, O'Connell's on-base percentage was .760.

O'Connell was perfect in the field with 77 putouts and seven assists for 84 chances.

O'Connell broke the school record and tied the conference record for most home runs in a game when she hit three against Universtiy of Wisconsin-Superior on April 21, going 3-for-3 with seven RBI in that 9-0 win. She had four home runs in the series.

She hit what would prove to be the game-winning single in a 5-4 win over University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire on April 23.

At the WIAC Cluster Tournament, O'Connell smacked a solo home run against University of

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Everyone feeling Minnesota for all the right reasons



BENCHWARMER
Curt Trnka

Was anyone else upset over the fact that the guy who played Neo was cast in "Feeling Minnesota"? If he can feel Minnesota, then I think anyone can. Right now is an interesting time to feel Minnesota. Every major sport in the state is seeing new ground.

Let's start with the recent NFL draft. In an attempt to become the laughing stock of the league, the Vikings passed on their first draft pick. They did not get extra picks or gain anything helpful by passing. Some might say the move was an attempt to keep the signing bonus down on this year's first round pick. Not likely guys.

Oh, we passed for two turns to draft you at a lower cost, but we really wanted to draft you. Real bad. Yeah.

Although the draft started awkwardly, the Vikings actually had one of their best drafts in years. In a quick review of the rest of the division, the Bears and Lions did well for themselves, while the Packers did fair.

They had a whole pile of picks, but four were in the seventh round. That can be likened to being handed a bucket with a hole in it to bail water out of your sinking canoe.

Moving on to the dual playoff teams in the land o' way too many lakes, the Wild won their first NHL playoff series ever, and the Timberwolves finally won home court advantage for the first round of the NBA playoffs.

Now here comes a dose of reality. Star-crossed as



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Manny Fernandez looks over his shoulder and watches the puck come to rest on the goal line. The Wild won their first NHL playoff series against Colorado.

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"I love this school."

Sorensen to stay at Stout

Amanda Herr
The Stoutonia

After withdrawing his name from consideration for the top job at Ferris State University in Michigan, Chancellor Charles Sorensen announced he would stay at the University of Wisconsin-Stout for another five to eight years.

"I love this school," said Sorensen, who has been at UW-Stout since 1988. "Why bother leaving?"

Sorensen said Ferris State's search committee asked him three times to apply before he agreed. He visited the campus last Wednesday for an open forum with the community.

"His visit to campus was very positive," said Bruce Parsons, chairperson of Ferris State's board of trustees. "He was one of three very qualified candidates with a very good record who presented himself as a first class administrator with whom UW-Stout should be very pleased."

Sorensen was one of three candidates in the running for the president position at Ferris State, but announced his withdrawal on Monday citing primarily personal reasons, including his wife's career at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

"I am flattered that Chuck mentioned my position as a first consideration, but life decisions like that are clearly not that simple," said Toni Poll-Sorensen, professor of dance at UWEC's department of music and theater arts. "It is true that we both have strong ties to our universities."

"After very deliberate consideration we chose Stout and Menomonie; not for one reason, but for a whole host of reasons, most of which were very rational and some very emotional."

If Chancellor Sorensen retires in eight years, he will be 70 years old. While age becomes a concern with some people's ability to perform their job, UW-Stout faculty members seem unconcerned about Sorensen's ability to stay energetic.

"He seems to be the exception," said associate professor Bruce Maylath. "He always wants to charge ahead fast."

Maylath believes that Sorensen's passion for American education in general and UW-Stout's mission is why he will continue to work tirelessly until his retirement. Others agree that Sorensen will continue to take on an active role.

"His sheer determination has made it possible to have highly successful efforts to achieve the Baldrige award and have a highly successful implementation of the laptop initiative," said Tom Allen, current chairperson of the faculty senate.

With the university going through its worst budget crisis in the history of the University of Wisconsin System, many employees are relieved that the leadership won't be changing midway.

"His decision to stay through serious budget problems suggests that he is willing to address serious and complicated issues," said Vi Jones, a past chairperson of the senate of academic staff.

Sorensen's agenda includes seeing the laptop initiative through to completion and maintaining the level of quality recognized by the Baldrige award.

"Chancellor Sorensen's leadership and focus on Baldrige quality principles are exactly what we need to move forward in tight fiscal times without compromising quality higher education," said Katharine Lyall, president of the UW System. "Michigan's loss is Wisconsin's gain!"



by Jay Fish, The Stoutonia

Chancellor Charles Sorensen sits in the office he hopes to have for another eight years. Sorensen withdrew his name from consideration for a position at Ferris State University.

First year laptop review

Joel Shaw
The Stoutonia

The one-year anniversary of laptops in the classroom will soon be celebrated by the many administrators, faculty and staff members who have been instrumental in the laptop initiative, from concept to implementation.

The first generation laptoppers are soon headed home. According to the administrators, faculty and staff, the year has been a success both inside and outside the classroom.

Freshmen were required to purchase or lease a laptop computer for the 2002-2003 academic year. There were only two choices on the laptop menu: Apple and Compaq. Freshmen in the art, graphic communications management or technical communication programs were given Apple computers. Freshmen in other UW-Stout programs received Compaq computers.

Chief Information Officer Joe Brown summed up the year when he said that it had gone very well. He credited the year's success to preparation in terms of high-speed switching, e-mail and wireless connectivity.

According to Brown, the primary concern that he had at the beginning of the year was that students might change the default system configurations on their laptops. Changing the default settings could cause unnecessary down time for the students when programs no longer responded as expected. Brown said that when laptop problems do arise the students could bring their laptops to the new help desk on the third floor of Millennium Hall.

Help Desk Manager Sasha King said she was optimistic about the status of the laptop initiative. The help desk technicians will take care of the problem within twenty minutes, or the student will be given a replacement laptop.

"Laptops are very rarely replaced," said King. "Only three computers have been replaced that were not the

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Weekend Weather

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High 68° Low 48° Rain	High 66° Low 46° Showers	High 54° Low 44° Rain & Thunder

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Stolen guns
A student reported on April 29 that five paintball guns were missing from the Physical Education building, room 18. Someone pulled on the cabinet, in which the guns were locked, until the lock broke. The value of the guns is approximately $200 each.

Stolen valuables
A student reported that nearly $300 worth of valuables were stolen from his room on April 29. The missing items were placed in a portable safe before the student left the room. The student's roommate was in the room during the student's absence, however left to visit friends and left the door unlocked. When he returned, the room was dismantled with clothes everywhere and beds messed up. A white dust mask was left in the room by an unknown person and was collected for evidence. There are currently no suspects.

Lucky 13
While patrolling on May 2, a UW-Stout police officer noticed a student-aged male walking with an object near the Home Economics building. When the male saw the police officer, he dropped the object he was carrying and fled. The officer found the object to be a sign for UW-Stout Parking Lot 13. Officers were unable to locate the suspect. The sign was returned to Lot 13 and replaced in the hole from which it was taken.

Vandalized cars
There were three incidences of vehicle vandalism on May 3 in Parking Lot 4. Three cars had windows broken out, apparently by a bottle. Nothing was missing from the cars. There are no suspects at this time.

False fire alarms
A UW-Stout police officer and the Menomonie Fire Department responded to an active fire alarm in the Home Economics building on May 2. A small child had activated the pull station. There was no fire. Police allowed the people standing outside to reenter the building and requested that a cover be put over the pull station. The officer also requested that the staff of the Infant Toddler Lab talk to the kids about pulling fire alarms only when there is a fire.

Stolen plants
A Memorial Student Center building manager reported on May 4 that she saw three to four unknown males stealing two artificial plants from the MSC. The individuals fled from the south end of the building near the Grand Ballroom entrance. The area was searched without locating the individuals. No one had permission to take the plants.

Broken windows
A student in CKTO Hall reported on May 5 that someone had broken one of the widows of his room. The student found two throwing-size rocks in his room when he returned after the weekend. There are no suspects and the student did not give anyone permission to break his window.

Laptops / First year comes to an end

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result of theft. Replacement machines that are reissued for any reason are machines returned by other students."

A team of radio-dispatched first responders has been assembled to handle problems in the computer labs and classrooms. The team receives 200-300 calls a day from the campus. The daily call subjects are posted online. The May 6, 2003 Mac statistics show 45 calls; 35 by phone, nine walk-ups and one self-service.

The calls are prioritized based on an established hierarchy. Network problems are handled first, server and computer labs second, instructors in class third, faculty and staff with hardware and software issues fourth and similar problems with campus-owned student computers fifth.

Next year's Compaq laptops will come loaded with 256K of RAM to better handle the demanding Windows XP operating system installed in the laptops. The Apple laptops will not be receiving memory upgrades.

"Few complaints have been made about the RAM on Apple computers," said King.

Wireless connectivity has improved over the academic year with the installation of outdoor access points in strategic locations. Currently there are 155 access points on campus. Two directional yagi antennas have been installed on the south wing of Bowman Hall.

Most students access the Internet from indoors; however, there is the option of going outside for some fresh air while browsing the Web.

Freshman industrial design major Kevin Thies carries a Compaq to and from class instead of a notebook. He appreciates wireless access to information and the absence of a paper-laden backpack.

"I'm not a paper person, it's a waste of resources," said Thies. "I only take notes on my computer and I keep them backed up in a fire safe."

Thies is aware of the wireless hot and cold spots on campus. He said the courtyard by the student center is best; the rock garden area is "quick" and anywhere near the football field is dead.

Although laptops were required for incoming freshmen, not all freshman welcomed them.

Freshman and multimedia design major Dustin Dorey is not a fan of the Apple laptops. He thinks they are a distraction in the classroom and refers to them as over-grown mp3 players.

"I would rather spend my money on a desktop [computer]," said Dorey.

UW-Stout instructional staff members have additional resources available to them if needed. One faculty member from each college was selected to be an E-Scholar College Associate to act as channels for communicating instructional staff needs to teams and committees.

When asked about how the year went, Associate Clark Leeson from the College of Arts and Sciences said that his overall impression was "very positive."

"There are some parts of the program that need tweaking," Leeson said. "For a new program this thing has come off with very few hitches."

According to Leeson, one of the concerns for the upcoming academic year is how to control the miscellaneous browsing that goes on during classroom sessions. Leeson suggested with a laugh that the simplest method would be to close them.

Ultimately, some methods for evaluating the impact that laptops have had on learning must be developed to obtain a better understanding of the benefits that laptops bring to the campus and what the long- term benefits will be.

UW-Stout students will soon be participating in an online laptop survey to begin the data gathering process. The survey covers usage preferences and also provides the freshmen an opportunity to give personal feedback.

E-Scholar Associate Jim Buergermeister from the College of Human Development said he thought the laptops had closed the gap between students and professors and that communication options had been enhanced.

"Laptops are improving overall communication compared to years past when there was very little," Buergermeister said.

The fall 2003 semester will bring the second generation of laptoppers to UW-Stout.

The face of a budget cut

Nick Coenen
The Stoutonia

For the past several months the campus has faced the possibility of budget cuts. From fewer classes to less travel, the focus has been on the "things" we will lose.

What has been largely missed is the many people we will be losing. In interviews with Mike Mattison, Director of Business and Financial Services for the past three years and Mary Sorrell, Curator of the Furlong Art Galleries for the past two years, the face of these cuts is finally seen.

Both of these staff members have been informed they will be losing their jobs at the end of this academic year.

Stoutonia: Did this come as a surprise to you?
Sorrell: Total shock as the faculty had already figured out other ways to cut 7% without letting go anyone already here.

Stoutonia: What does this mean for you and your family personally?
Mattison: There may be some short-term economic difficulty. One of the first issues that needed addressing was, "Do we move or do we stay?" I am a native of this area (Chippewa Falls). Having two sons already graduated from Menomonie High School, a daughter just completing her freshman year there, and a son ready to start middle school, Menomonie has truly become their "home." After a couple of out-of-the-area possibilities did not work out and I was able to assess the local area job market, we have decided to stay in Menomonie.

I have a strong Christian faith. As a result, I believe that God will watch over us and take care of us. I truly believe that in the long run, this will work for the better.

Stoutonia: What's the hardest part of all of this?
Sorrell: Once it is known that someone is leaving "the nest" other people will adapt. After their initial shock and sorrow is expressed, they begin inadvertently to cut you out of social gatherings because they feel uncomfortable, or think you might be uncomfortable (that the talk will naturally gravitate to plans for next year, or even, heaven forbid, complain about the job they have but you won't). You are left out of meetings because you won't be involved with anything happening in the future. All of this makes sense, and I understand their psychology, but it is hard to suddenly become kind of a shadow person while at the same time working hard every day just like always.

Stoutonia: Where do you go from here?
Sorrell: I am facing the reality that I will soon say goodbye to friends and a lifestyle I have really enjoyed and appreciated.

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Follow the leader can be a rough concept

As the school year draws to a close one can't help but be amazed at the amount of work a single student can put off until the last minute. That has nothing to do with this week's staff editorial, but truer words have never been spoken. Now, the last staff editorial of the year.

The recent firing of two coaches from Division 1A schools has caused the frantic students here at the paper to think about how we view our own coaches and faculty.

Both coaches were fired from their jobs because they became public relations nightmares. One coach was on the cover of USA Today with his right arm around a girl who was kissing him and in his left hand, with his wedding ring clearly visible, was a beer. His excuse for the inexcusable behavior was that he was an alcoholic. If that type of behavior makes you an alcoholic then our campus has a problem.

A trip to a strip joint mixed with a not-so-thrifty hooker got the second coach fired. She rang up a room service bill of over a $1,000, which created a paper trail to the coach.

This kind of lifestyle is obviously a part of our society, but when a person is in a position of power it is not acceptable. No university wants a coach who is worried about where the next house party is to represent their school.

Our campus is no exception. If it was discovered that a coach or faculty member was out partying with the students in a less than respectable way, one could bet it all that person would be fired.

But didn't we just establish that this was part of our culture? We all know that students enjoy seeing their leaders and mentors let their hair down. What college student



wouldn't enjoy hanging out with President Bush on a Saturday night back when he was in college?

"Hey Dubbya! You going to need another beer?"

"Do you need to ask? Beer me!"

The bottom line is that we all want to have fun. Young and old alike.

But problems can arise when people forget that they represent more than just themselves. Coaches and faculty should have fun with their students on occasion, but there is a line that shoud not be crossed.

On another note, Chancellor Sorensen has decided to remain here at UW-Stout, and is talking about staying for another five to eight years. This would make him 70 in his final year.

Thanks for staying with UW-Stout, but it might soon be time to consider going out on the top of your game.

Even the slackers have to pay tuition



FAR FROM HOME
Nick Coenen

So this is it.

My last chance to save the world.

I could use this chance to say a lot of things to a lot of people. I could thank all those that have supported me and the paper over the years.

I could take a bunch of cheap shots at people knowing that there won't be any letters to this column.

I could even just leave the rest of this space completely empty.

But I won't.

There are too many things that have gone left unsaid at this university for too long. So many things that have become a "status-quo" and that we have learned to turn a blind eye to.

Well I guess I never got blinded by college. Instead I grew up.

Every Wednesday when I walk home from The Stoutonia office at one or two in the morning, I see the same thing: immaturity.

Whether that comes in the form of some drunk falling all over themself or even someone staying up until four in the morning cranking out a paper that they had assigned three weeks ago, it's all the same. Poor choices.

When I first applied to go to college I knew it was nothing special. It's not like it used to be. Twenty years ago going to college was the exception. It wasn't an extension of high school.

There used to be a time when you had to do more than the bare minimum to get a good grade. Instead of just doing what was asked, you had to do more. After all, an A is the grade for excellent, not just average.

And the worst part is that the entire campus thinks this lowering of the bar is okay. As the grade scale slips, we can simply try less, drink more and still get a 3.0 with ease in most cases. We can make more and more poor choices and still get out of here with a diploma.

At this point I'm not even sure that a diploma would be all that prestigious to me anymore. Like most upperclassmen, I just want to be done.

When I see all the other people around me that haven't been weeded out of the system, it kills me to think that at the end of four years of college they receive the same piece of recognition as me. The same guy who fell asleep during every lecture and barely met expectiations set before him is now my equal.

That is, he is my equal until he gets in the real world. To think that the attitude of simply meeting expectation and just dumb decision making will not only land, but keep a job is ridiculous.

With all that said, here's to all of you that try. I appreciated your presence on this campus and look forward to seeing you again in the workforce.

There will be justice someday, just not here at UW-Stout. After all, we are in a budget crunch and even the slackers pay tuition.

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Letters to the Editor

Wisconsin has sports too

Where is the article about the Milwaukee Bucks? They were in the playoffs too, and they got just as screwed as the timberwolves, if not worse.

This is a Wisconsin State school, there should be reporting about Wisconsin sports teams for sure if there is going to be anything about Minnesota teams.

Yeah, ok, half of the school comes from out of state Minnesota, but there is still the other half of the students that are from in state.

Its bad enough that the NBA has decided that the market for Menomonie would be Minnesota Wolve's territory, which means no bucks games for me during the season. This is a shame.

Josh Van Deraa
UW-Stout Student

Mr. Van Deraa

Thank you for writing in. While I agree that it is important to cover both Wisconsin and Minnesota sports equally I feel I should point out that the Packers had a draft article and the Vikings did not.

The Timberwolves had a playoff article and the Bucks did not. Our staff does it's best to cover both states sports equally, but as with all things we can only do so much with the limited number of writers we have available to us.

Next year we will be looking for new writers to handle both states sports.

Curt Trnka
Opinions Editor

Mr. Hay was right on

Apart from the obscure Rushmore reference in the subject, David Hay made a good point. I couldn't say it better myself. Growth comes through taking in different points of view and deciding on the best point of action. I was not there to witness this event in particular, but have seen several of these groups before inside and outside of the Stout campus and their messages are continually the same.

These groups choose music and performances to voice their opinions on particular subjects. Whether it be not to wear fur or not to go to war. Yet both have certain ramifications on our culture and enviroment, but many issues get far less acknowledgement in mainstream news outlets. The opposing views have network television and national newspapers to tell their side of the story, while they have music and the right to freedom of speech, in a smaller target market, to express their views.

Perhaps being a past member of BDP gives the impression that I am loyal to one side. I know many of the people in that group including Darren, their advisor and Mary McManus his boss. Yet I find them to be some of the best people on campus that consider every angle of an issue and try to program events that they feel would benefit the entire campus.

I am sorry that some groups were addressed in a negative fashion, but that is the price we all pay for taking sides. The Republicans in turn are voicing their opinions here in *The Stoutonia* and the others are using music. But can we say one is more acceptable or correct?

Josh Peters
UW-Stout Student

Mr. Peters,

Thanks for the letter. I'd like to point out that Mr. Hay did not make the Rushmore reference in the subject of his letter. I wrote the subject and there was no movie reference implied.

The Republicans, as you call them, make up a very small percent of *The Stoutonia's* staff, but they do seem to have loud voices.

One last look at *The Stoutonia*, oh and libel too



LASTWORD
Kimberly Wilmot Voss

As the final issue of the Stoutonia for the year is completed, the staff has allowed me space to say farewell and to remind the campus of the importance of a free student press.

It was a hard decision to leave *The Stoutonia* for Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, although in the two years that I have been the advisor of this newspaper I have seen amazing growth and I know that the staff of this newspaper will continue to serve its necessary role on this campus.

The Stoutonia students are some of the most ethical and mature journalists who I have seen on any campus. Yet, even with strong student journalists creating this newspaper, mistakes can be made. These errors or controversial decisions are sometimes mistaken as libel. I want to take this opportunity to clarify what the First Amendment protects: the freedom of the press.

The Stoutonia is protected by the First Amendment: "Congress shall make no law … abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." This means that a college student publication has the right – and I would argue obligation – to print the truth about issues that may make people uncomfortable. It also serves as a forum for student opinions – even if those opinions offend others. It is the benefit and price of a free press.

In 1969, the United States Supreme Court ruled that: "It can hardly be argued that either students or teachers shed their constitutional right to freedom of speech or expression at the schoolhouse gate." Students at a public university have the right to voice their opinions and write about controversial issues – a right given to them by the United States Constitution.

The presence of *The Stoutonia* ensures that the University of Wisconsin-Stout is held accountable for its decisions and that student voices have a forum in which to be heard. I am lucky to have had the opportunity to advise the student journalists at *The Stoutonia*.

In the words of Thomas Jefferson:

"[W]ere it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Kimberly Wilmot Voss

Stoutonia Advisor

Assistant Professor of Journalism

South Dakotan seeking man and full-time job



NOREGRETS
Amy Koeppe

Finally after a year of editing everyone else's opinions, I get the chance to give my own. Being an anal organizer and planner, here I am graduating right on time, four years later, wondering how it could've gone this fast.

Like many of you, I have specific goals in the back of my mind, and I always imagined that being a college graduate I would come away from UW-Stout with these two things: a job and a future husband. Well, ironically enough, I have NEITHER and graduation is a mere two days away, so I better get cracking.

Ok, so I realize I'm leaving here jobless and single, but that may be the best thing that has ever happened to me. I would not change my college experience for anything. I have no regrets- not ONE. The amazing people I've met and the great times I've had are priceless; the memories will last a lifetime.

If I could give one piece of advice though, I would say take your time…all you freshmen, pick up another degree, or two. At least throw a minor in there to drag it out an extra semester. Well, with the budget cuts, you might not be able to get all the classes you need anyway, so you'll be here longer than you think. That's a good thing though. Honestly, I'm convinced the "real world" is not what's cracked up to be; enjoy this time while you can.

I think the best aspect of college I will miss the most is the network of friends that is available to me pretty much 24/7. I love to be around people and it's great to always have someone to talk to and do things with. If I want to play tennis, take a walk, shop, bake, grill out, watch a movie or do anything else, someone is always game.

Just a reminder to all you who still insist on cruising through college- you can't choose your co-workers. Those will be the people you see every day. Compare that to college; even if you have a class with someone you can't stand, at least it's over in an hour.

What I'm trying to say is don't take this short time for granted. While I am ready to move on, college still flew by, but I can't wait to see what's in store for me next.

Not that I really have a choice to stay here another semester- until South Dakota gets reciprocity with Wisconsin, I will definitely stick to the four-year plan. And just for the record to all you who harass me DAILY for being from the Mt. Rushmore state- there is more to it then the corn palace, badlands and farmland. Yes, we do have trees, and just last week we got indoor plumbing.

Amazing, isn't it? There's talk of paving the roads within the next decade or so…we'll see.

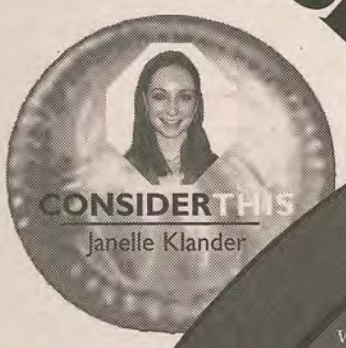
So with nothing tying me down, I am in no hurry to find a job. My food systems and technology degree (yes, that is a major at UW-Stout) has rewarded me with multiple job rejections; I am rather surprised- I mean, who doesn't EAT? The food industry should be the last to go. But, with those doors closing, I am taking it as a sign to continue my education somewhere more affordable, like Minnesota. When I wake up tomorrow, I know I still have the best part of my life to look forward to. So grad school, here I come! Husband and job searching can wait.

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Debbie Does Stout?



CONSIDERTHIS
Janelle Klander

On my way to CKTO Porn Night I was a little unsure of what to expect. I didn't know the reasoning in putting on a porn program, especially by the RAs.

I was one of the first to walk into the dark room while Marvin Gay's "Sexual Healing" was played softly in the background.

Rachel Marek and Nadia VonHodenberg planned the hall event. They got the idea from another hall that had done the program earlier this year.

"We decided to do it since it was a big success in HKMC," said Von Hodenberg a senior in business administration. "Some people were like 'eew gross,' while others thought that it would be cool."

Soon students piled into the dim room and the porn began.

It started out with what was described as futuristic porn. Due to copyright laws, only three minutes of each movie was allowed to be shown. Watching the three minutes of porn as a group didn't seem uncomfortable since it was more humorous to watch with a crowd of people.

That was only half the porn that would be shown all night.

Many other clips were shown from movies like "Boogie Nights," "Something About Mary" and "Risky Business." After each clip, the wound-up students listened as VonHodenberg and Marek gave facts and statistics about STDs, masturbation, homosexuality and sexual harassment.

"I thought it was just going to be porn, but it was more educational," said Carl LaRusso, an undecided sophomore.

After they felt the students were informed of the different problems they may face, they were quizzed. If students answered correctly they received a prize. If students answered incorrectly they were given a pamphlet and a condom because they obviously needed to be more sexually educated.

"It was hilarious," said LaRusso. "I won the 'slide n' ride' lubrication and learned masturbation wasn't necessarily bad."

Prizes like edible underwear, gummy boobs and wheel of passion were given out.

Porn Night ended up being a total of six minutes of porn, but it drew curious students like myself to find out what it was really about. One thing that VonHodenberg and Marek stressed is that porn is very exaggerated and a misrepresentation of normal sex lives.







Courtesy of: www.cameron-diaz.com, www.movie-source.com, www.allstarz.org

CKTO's Porn Night featured sexual scenes from movies such as "Boogie Nights" (above), "Something About Mary" (upper right) and "Risky Business" (lower left).

The 411

May 8 - May 15

Thursday, May 8
• 8 p.m. **A Night of Spoken Word** with Truth Maze, Tim Shea & DJ Stage One, Heritage Café, free

Friday, May 9
• 9-10:30 a.m., **May Tech-talk Business Briefing** by Jim Haney, 201 Millennium Hall, info: call Christopher Smith at x-2488

• 3 p.m., **M & W Track & Field NCAA Qualifier**, UW-LaCrosse

• 7 p.m., **Mike Blair from Madison Greene** with guest Shanta Klare,spoken word, Blind Munchies, 621 Wilson St., free

• 7-9 p.m., **Evolution Multimedia Design Show**, 228 Micheels Hall

Saturday, May 10
• 9:30 a.m., **Commencement for the College of Technology, Engineering & Management** graduates, Johnson Fieldhouse, tickets only

• 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m., **Graduation Buffet**, Great Hall, $9.50

•2 p.m., **Commencement for the College of Arts and Science and College of Human Development** graduates, Johnson Fieldhouse, tickets only

• 3:30 - 5:30 p.m., **Graduation Buffet**, Great Hall, $9.50

• 4 p.m., **M & W Track & Field NCAA Qualifier**, University of Minnesota-Twin Cities

• 8 p.m. **Cantus**, music group, Mabel Tainter Theatre, adults $17

Sunday, May 11
Happy Mother's Day,
Give your mother a call!

Monday, May 12
Evaluation Week Begins
Good Luck!

Tuesday, May 13
no events scheduled

Wednesday, May 14
no events scheduled

Thursday, May 15
Have a great summer!

Have anything to add to the Campus Calendar?

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Cartoons for adult audiences

Matt Schubbe
The Stoutonia

The "Tongue-in-Cheek" title of Cartoon Network's block of shows aimed at mature audiences is appropriate for the type of programming that it features.

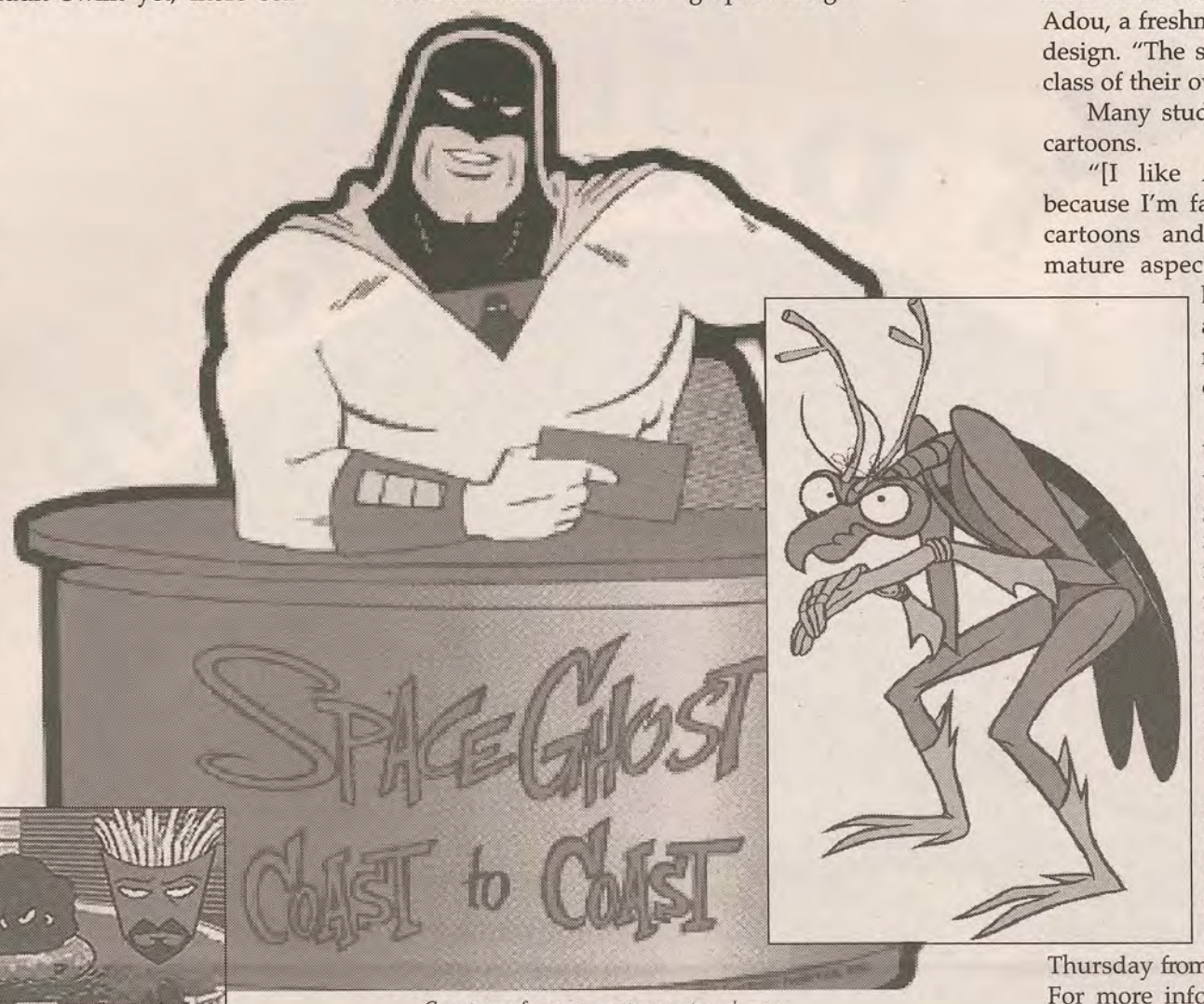
A bastion for off-beat humor, Adult Swim is an increasingly popular Sunday night line-up that has been airing on the network for over two years.

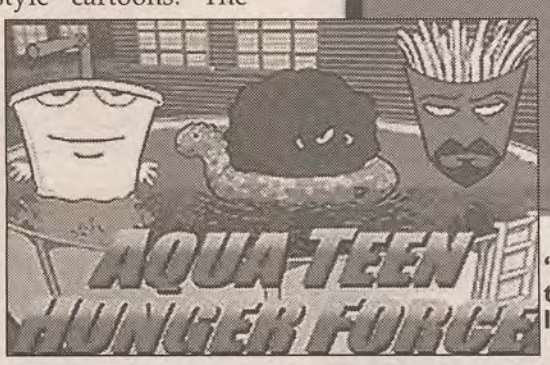
These obscure cartoons such as "Aqua Teen Hunger Force," a cartoon about human-sized food products who solve mysteries, and the cult favorite "Space Ghost Coast to Coast" are now being joined by more easily recognizable faces.

Last year, Matt Groening's "Futurama" joined a new weeknight version of Adult Swim, along with several other adult anime-style cartoons. The most recent addition to the hit parade is the late Fox cartoon comedy "Family Guy" airing weeknights and Sunday nights as well.

If you haven't watched Adult Swim yet, more seasoned viewers of the University of Wisconsin-Stout will say that it's an acquired taste.

"I watch it because most of the shows have a really obscure sense of humor that I appreciate a lot," said A.J. Nordhagen, a freshman in graphic design.





Courtesy of: www.cartoonnetwork.com
"Aqua Teen Hunger Force" and "Space Ghost Coast to Coast" are part of Cartoon Network's Adult Swim line-up during the night time viewing hours.

Other students were drawn to the unique concepts of the different shows.

"I really wanted to see food animated," said Alea Adou, a freshman in graphic design. "The shows are in a class of their own."

Many students just love cartoons.

"[I like Adult Swim] because I'm fascinated with cartoons and I love the mature aspect of it," said Dustin Dorey, a freshman in multimedia design.

Whatever the reason, this underground favorite is receiving more attention every day due to its unique programming and quirky style.

Adult Swim airs on the Cartoon Network Sunday through Thursday from 10 p.m.- 1 a.m. For more information go to http://cartoonnetwork.com/adultswim.

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You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
You are the guy who'll decide where to go.
~Dr. Seuss

If you think education is expensive, try ignorance!
~Andy McIntyre

You are educated. Your certification is in your degree. You may think of it as the ticket to the good life. Let me ask you to think of an alternative. Think of it as your ticket to change the world.
~ Tom Brokaw

Throw off the bow lines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover.
~Mark Twain

Photo by Russ Bowers



Congratulations Brian !

We're so very proud of all that you have accomplished!

Brian Dobrzynski

Love, Mom and Dad



Congratulations!

Our precious baby Rhonda one day; now she's a college graduate in May!

Rhonda Helf

Love, Dad and Mom



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Congratulations Bobbi!

We want you to know we are very proud of you!

Bobbi Dey

Love, Mom, Dad, Mike & Fuzzy



Way to go, Jeremy!
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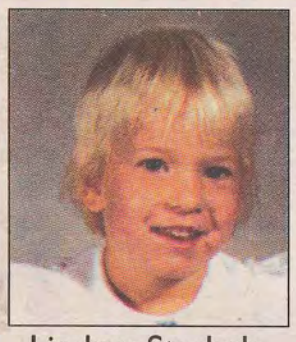
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With sadness in our hearts
We leave this place
Full of friends and memories
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Farewell to all; we will miss you!

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Love, Missy



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Laura S. Konop

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Emily Jude Miller



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David Buye

Love, your brother Mlke



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Congratulations and love always.

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Love, Mumz and Daddio



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CONGRATULATIONS!!

We are proud of you Jessica!

Jessica Kuehne

Love, Your Family



Congratulations John!

We're proud of you.

John

Love, Mom and Dad



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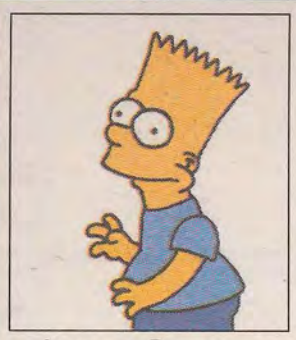


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Love, Mom and Dad



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Eric Kukachka

Love, Mom, Dad and Jason

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d of you!

Love, Mom and Dad



Congratulations, Jared!

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Jared

Love, Mom, Stephanie, Dad, and Jackie



Congratulations on all of your many achievements!

You make us proud!

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Love, Mom and Dad

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a big boy now,
opher!

Love, Mom and Dad



Here's to the graduate behind the 'Hovlid High Life" cartoon.

Andy Richason

Love, Mom and Dad



Congratulations Patrick!
I'm sure you know how proud you have made us today and every day. We couldn't be happier for you as you go out to begin the rest of your life.

Patrick O'Grady

Love, Mom, Dad and Jenna

o go Emily!
ways were an artist.

Love, Mom and Dads



You've come a long way baby!

We're very proud!

Amy C. Larson

Mom, Da,d and the rest of the Larson Family



Congratulations!
Way to go David!

David Buye

Love, Your Madhouse Accountant Mom

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e proud of YOU!!

, Mom, Dad, Beth, Greta and Ernie



Guess what?
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Love, Mom and Dad



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Robert Alber

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Love, Becky Sloma



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Jaime Souza

Love, Your Family



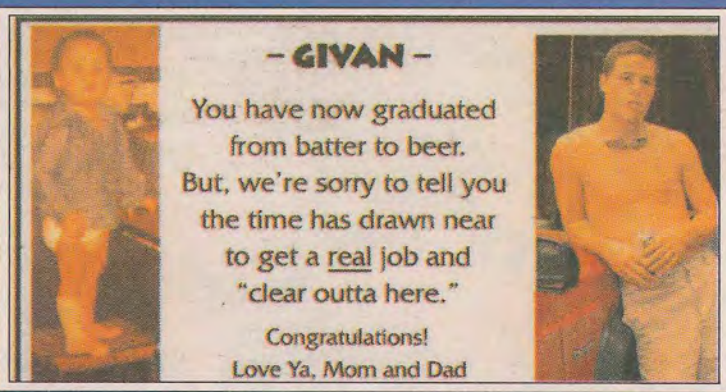
Kitsi, words cannot express how proud we are of the young woman you have become. 4 years at Stout has gone so fast; hope the future brings the best in life along with happiness to someone as special as you. You can accomplish anything you set out to do, and of course always have fun doing it!

All our love, Dad, Mom, Ben and Tom

Kathleen H. Van Oss

atulations! And good
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and family at the
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Love, your pizza buddy





Cathi I want you to know that I am very proud of you. With the amount of hard work and enthusiasm that you displayed, I know you will be able to accomplish anything you put your mind to.
Congratulations!

Cathi

Love, Brian

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Midwest modern Rock

Part two of the two part series

Aaron Hines
The Stoutonia

Class five days a week, work three days a week; squeeze in weekly club meetings, add homework and a social life and you have the typical life of a college student. Now add a second part-time job and you have the life of *Throw the Fight.*

It's Friday, April 18, less than one week before the Battle of the Bands competition at the Huppert Ranch in Hager City, Wis. *Throw the Fight* pre-practice begins around 7:00 p.m. when Ryan Baustert and Brandon Kyllo show up and begin bouncing new ideas back and forth.

They pick up their guitars and begin jamming, feeding off each others talent, when WAP! A string breaks and the jam session comes to an instant halt. "Dimmit, that's the second one this week," Ryan says with a smile.

As he begins to fix his broken string Cory Huppert strolls into practice and at 8:03 p.m. Aaron Huppert, the final member, shows up and grabs the bass guitar.

The band immediately agrees to start with a Finch song. With Brandon on the lead vocals and Ryan singing backup, the band speeds through the cover song with confidence and no complications.

Not losing stride, the band moves into a *Living End* cover song which energizes the audience and the band. Brandon's vocals are very strong and confident. Aaron sways back and fourth to the beat and Cory fills the room with a steady rhythm and unique fills while Ryan rips out an impressive lead guitar solo that everyone seems to be mesmerized by. Just as the song is about to end ...WAP! Ryan has just broken his second guitar string of the night. Laughter breaks out in the room and Ryan, whose new nickname for the night is "Thrasher," quickly replaces the broken string, retunes his guitar.

The band appears to be very in tune with each other and feeding off of Brandon's rhythm guitar and lyrics. At the halfway point the next song falls apart as Aaron and Cory both become confused about their parts and what direction the song is going, a common problem with original songs.

Aaron, calm and soft spoken mediates the group, while Cory sits back without questions, taking it all in, giving his opinion on different guitar parts. Ryan asks for everyone's opinion and makes sure he is doing his part right; he asks "did you like when I threw in this part [he picks up his guitar and plays the part]?"

"Well, Ryan, frankly I think that everything you play is absolute crap so..." Brandon says sarcastically as he keeps the confusion light hearted yet still managing to be the secondary mediator.



by Aaron Hines ,The Stoutonia

***Throw the Fight* sits in the Double O Project recording studio with owner/ producer Joey Brunner.** (far left) **Aaron,** (front) **Brandon,** (far right) **Ryan,** (middle) **Joey Brunner** (back) **Cory.**



To find out more information about the band go to: www.throwthefight.com or www.doubleoproject.com

The band then plays a cover song by *The Starting Line.* The music engulfs the room and its obvious Ryan's voice is far more suited to covering this song than the previous tune.

"We want it to be perfect. Even if we had to stay out here all night," Aaron says with a smile.

With the room completely full of visitors, it is obvious that the practice is becoming harder and harder to control due to outside interference and conversations. The band rips through *the Living End* cover song from earlier in the practice.

"I'd like to practice one more time before the battle of the bands. Just so everything is tight and we have a solid set list," Aaron announces.

As practice ends and the socializing begins, the most animated and sought after people in the room are the members of *Throw the Fight.*

Battle for a Spot

Thursday, April 24; the day the band has been talking about, practicing for and anticipating has finally arrived. Tonight they will either shine and earn a spot on the Throw Parties Not Bombs stage or go home empty handed. With eleven bands lined up for the night, this event should live up to its title as The Battle of the Bands.

Two members short, Ryan and Brandon stroll into Huffs at 7:30 p.m. and enter the jam-packed room.

"I bet there are half as many people here when we play since we're close to the end and don't play until 11:00 p.m," Brandon says.

After watching three more bands set up, play and break down, Brandon's suspicion proves to be true as the crowd slowly loses interest in the performances.

"I think we all get nervous before we play; my hands are sweaty right now," mentions Cory.

At exactly 11:00 p.m. the last band before *Throw the Fight* finishes its twenty minute set and the boys begin setting up their equipment.

Due to nervousness, their first song begins too fast. As it smooths out, Ryan attempted to jump off of Cory's kick drum and in the process looses his guitar strap and is forced to play his solo, as well as the rest of the song, balancing on one knee. Ryan's blundered jump distracts Brandon and he misses a verse of the song.

After unwinding their nerves with two more cover songs, the band moves on to an original tune, sung by Ryan. The song is solid but the crowd really doesn't seem to be enthused.

So *Throw the Fight* turns up the enthusiasm and gets the crowd involved as

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Practice /the trials that make a rock band better

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Brandon exclaims, "If you guys are getting tired of sitting down, it's totally cool if you come stand in this region here [making a hand gesture to the space in front of the stage]."

Following Brandon's suggestion, the audience members flock toward the stage and start waving their hands and cheering, while the band gains momentum and energy and begins to play off of the enthusiasm. They seem to be having fun and show a comfort level that they were missing at the beginning of their set.

"Well…honestly I don't think we played as good as we could have; it was OK, but I'm not sure it was good enough to win," Brandon says with a straight face.

All of the band members seem to be under the impression that their performance was not good enough to win the competition and the morale level is down as they load all of the gear into the truck. After the final performance of the night, the judges take a fifteen minute break to determine the winner.

After a brief address from one of the judges, executive producer of Blue Devil Productions, Bitsy Hanson takes the stage to announce the winners.

"Third places goes to – *Government Cheese*…..and in second place - *Best for Last*."

A look of defeat washes over the members of *Throw the Fight* as Bitsy finally reads the winner.

"And in first place, gaining the opening spot at Sunday's Throw Parties Not Bombs show…*Throw the Fight*!" Within the sparse audience applause, the band looks shocked and smiles creep onto their faces as they hand out high-fives and celebration hugs.

Opening the Show

After winning Stout's Battle of the Bands competition, *Throw the Fight* has been given a unique opportunity to open the first annual Throw Parties Not Bombs festival. This will serve as *Throw the Fight's* largest and most publicized performance since their formation in February.

With the sun shining and a high energy atmosphere engulfing the festival area, the members of *Throw the Fight* eagerly arrive at noon and begin setting up their gear on the pawn patio stage.

"This is the best PA system we've ever played on!" said Aaron.

After a bite to eat they get ready to kick off the Throw Parties Not Bombs festival as seating fills up with eager fans. Riley Hooker introduces *Throw the Fight* and the band lets loose with an instrumental introduction flowing directly into a *Finch* cover song.

The band is now comfortable on stage and are giving a great performance. It seems the worst of their problems are behind them, but two minutes into the second song Ryan's guitar unplugs as he tries to execute a star jump. He plugs it back in and as the song nears its closure the worst thing that could happen, does…WAP!! Ryan has just broken a string and they are out of guitars.

With a stern grin on his face Ryan proclaims, "Apparently it's just not our F***ing day; does anybody have a guitar I can borrow?"

The audience sits silently as he asks again. "Well I guess I'll just have to play without a string and improvise."

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by Aaron Hines The Stoutonia

Throw the Fight plays to a big crowd at Throw Parties Not Bombs after winning Battle of the Bands. From left to right: Bass-Aaron, Drums-Cory, Singer/Guitar-Brandon, Guitar-Ryan.

Students get green and make an impact

An environmental class takes Earth Day project seriously and help locally

Tiffany Laschinger
The Stoutonia

Students often question the purpose of the tedious work that their instructors make them do for a grade. Drawing real-world relativity to assignments can be difficult for many to see, but for one environmental class the final project brought research close to home.

Krista James, professor of biology, tries to inspire her students in the world of science. In her environmental science class she challenged her students to go out into their community and take the information they learned to impact the world around them.

"I wanted students to get some hands-on experience working with the community on different environmental issues," said James.

One group decided to test the campus knowledge on global warming, an increasingly important issue. A six-question quiz was given to random students and group members were surprised by the low scores that the sample of students received. Only 13 percent of students received four or more questions right.

"We wanted to find out if Stout students knew anything about global warming and let them know about the small things they do that contribute to global warming," said Jon Finstad, a sophomore in general business.

Finstad and group found an interesting fact about global warming,

"Belching might contribute to global warming! The reason: CO2 is a greenhouse gas, and some of it goes into the atmosphere when burped out by soda drinkers!" said Finstad.

This project was assigned around Earth Day and some of James' criteria not only required students to make a positive impact on the environment, but also for their work to have a 'domino effect' and keep improving the earth over time.

Many students worked with Jim Forster from the Dunn County Land Conservation to document runoff from storms and found that the sewage was directed through the storm sewers into Lake Menomin or the Red Cedar River.

"During their photography session, they were actually about to document severe erosion runoff from a construction site," said James.

As an unexpected twist in their project, they were able to contact the construction manager, and he promised to correct the problem by reducing erosion from the site.

Another group decided to help Arthur Kneeland clean up the living trash receptacle that Galloway Creek had become over the past years. By Earth Day they helped inform the surrounding community about the pollution in their backyard creek. The students were able to place signs along the creek to remind hikers to keep it clean.

While most groups took something hazardous out of the environment, one group put something back into it. Purple Loosestrife is a plant that is taking over the wetlands in Menomonie, so these students helped release a species of beetles that eat the plant to control the growth of Purple Loosestrife.

Whether the projects made a huge impact on the local environment is not known; only time will tell if this impact will be long term. Future environmental classes may be the key to the long term goal.

"A tribute to a great teacher, my mentor, Kim Voss."



TYPECAST
Tiffany Laschinger

I would just like to take some time this week to say thanks to someone that is leaving the campus after this year. Kim Voss has been more than an instructor to me; she has introduced me to a passion I didn't know I had. She is my mentor and my friend.

Kim will be leaving to teach at Southern Illinois-Edwardsville next semester. University of Wisconsin-Stout will be losing a great teacher who inspired me as well as many of her other students.

She has been the *Stouonia* advisor for two years and taught the team of reporters and editors real-world experience that has made the *Stoutonia* a credible paper.

I have gotten the chance to travel with Kim to two national journalism conferences and got to know her inviting and fun personality that draws people to her. While she encouraged us to learn as much as we could from each trip, her presence wasn't felt as a chaperone or advisor, but as a colleague.

Her professional and personal advice is sincere and helpful. I feel comfortable to approach her for any problem I may have about school, the paper or even issues I have in my own life. I have also learned a lot about her life, increasing my respect for her as a person.

I have learned a lot from every class I have taken with her. I don't feel the pressure for a good grade like I do in other classes, but I strive to do the best I can for her professional approval that will impact my future in writing.

Kim helped me write a professional resume package and guided me how to apply for reporter positions at bigger newspapers.

The English department is losing a great professor that has shaped the direction of the new journalism minor to a credible addition for the campus.

Her guidance will be very hard to replace, and she will be missed by her student and the entire *Stoutonia* staff. Kim has had a huge impact on my time here at UW-Stout .

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Campus Slant

What is the worst summer job you have ever had?



"Paper mill wood room."
~Dan Schuh,
fr., technical education



"Dry cleaners-the temperature was over 125 degrees."
~Minda Calkins
jr., human development



"Subway."
~Jamie Lawrencce
fr., business

"Farming-too many hours."
~Andy Zierl
fr., construction



Next Week:

Have a kick ass summer- *Tiffany Laschinger and Andy Kiekhafer*

The Campus Slant is compiled weekly through a random polling of UW-Stout students and faculty. If you have ideas for Campus Slant, e-mail your ideas to stoutonia@uwstout.edu.

Jamming/ Playing set by set *Throw the Fight* gains crowd approval

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The band plays two cover songs which go off without any problems, but the energy they possessed at the beginning of the performance seems lost due to all the technical issues. In true rock star form, the group reenergizes the crowd with a well-rehearsed original song, "Falling Fast", and an impressive guitar solo from the man with only five strings.

The crowd applauds as the band hurries into their final song, a cover from *the Living End*. With that, the members of *Throw the Fight* quickly remove their equipment from the stage and gather together.

"That was a nightmare," says Cory.

"Awful is all I can say about that performance," adds Brandon.

Aaron, who is the only member that seems in good spirits, utters in his quiet voice, "I didn't think it went that bad; besides the strings breaking, nobody noticed that we were off."

"Playing a show like Throw Parties Not Bombs was a great opportunity," said Cory. "Bands like us need to be able to play shows like this for exposure and experience."

The Long Road Ahead

Besides a handful of acts that have ventured outside the borders of the Midwest and made a name for themselves, most bands have a hard time being discovered playing shows in and around this area. But venues around the Minneapolis & Milwaukee area have started opening their doors and their minds to different music genres.

"I really feel like we are veterans of the local scene," said Aaron. "We've all made mistakes and learned what not to do from them, but we've also all made some great connections along the way."

A week after the Throw Parties Not Bombs festival, under the guidance of Producer/Engineer Joey Brunner, *Throw the Fight* entered the Double O Project Recording studio to record their first two song demo. They plan to distribute this demo as a part of a promotion package which will be use to appeal to venues, promoters and booking agents.

"We are actually entering our demo into the Earnie Ball competition in the cities this week, trying to earn a spot on one of the stages at the Warp Tour when it comes to Minneapolis this summer," said Brandon.

With their connections in the local music scene as well as the push that they are getting from their record label, the future looks promising for the members of *Throw the Fight*.

According to Brandon, "We plan to play every show that we can get and hopefully we'll catch the break we need to get noticed, but until then we're going to enjoy ourselves and just keep writing music we love."

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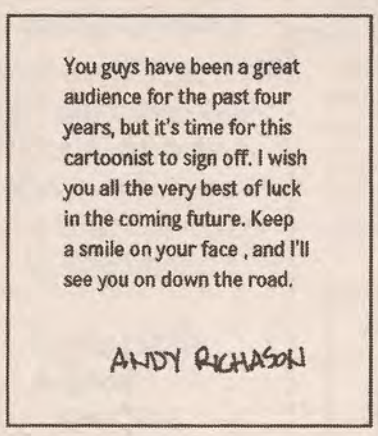
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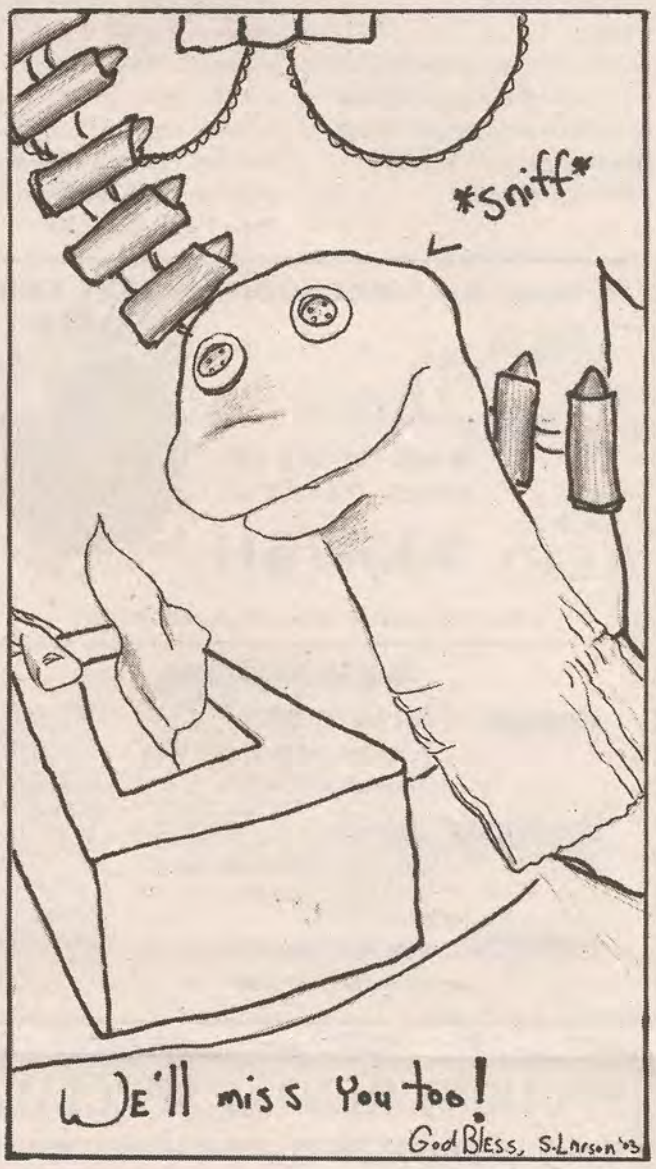
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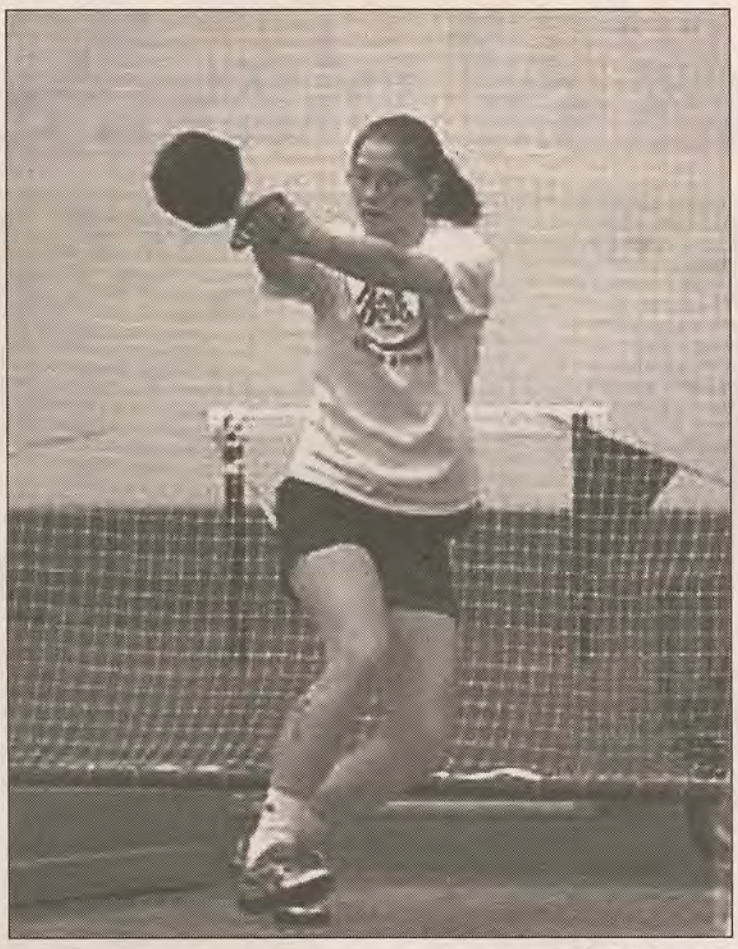
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Racing to qualify for nationals

Ryan Wessley
The Stoutonia



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The women's track and field team was off to a late start, but came back with some national qualifying athletes.

Men

The men's track and field season ended well, considering the obstacles that faced them. The major issue called to attention was the selection of a new head coach. Josh Buchholtz has filled that role and led the team to a lot of success.

"A solid season of growth," said Coach Buchholtz. "The 2003 men's track and field team with the incoming freshman and outgoing seniors; this has been a season of growth where the team and I have learned together."

Upperclassmen Tim Faber, Eric Moe and Jay Sitek all set personal bests this season. Sitek went into the meet seeded 20th in the high jump and set a personal record earning sixth place honors.

"My season went very well," said senior technology major Jay Sitek. "I couldn't have asked for a better way to end my track career here at Stout."

Nate Templer earned a Division III rank. He qualified for NCAA Division III Championships in Canton, NY in the 200-meter run and 100-meter run.

"Nate is any coach's dream," said coach Buchholtz. "A natural with a great attitude."

Junior Lewis Casselius leads the pole vault crew this season and is doing very well. He missed the indoor competition this season and came into the outdoor tournament with a passion to do well.

"I was very happy with my performances so far; I have a good chance to make it to the Nationals," said Casselius a junior majoring in technology education. "If I can stay as consistent as I have been, things should go wel., I am hoping for an All-American position."

The WIAC dominance was apparent in the men's 800-meter dash where the nine individual qualifiers to the finals are all qualified to compete at the NCAA championships. Scott Barthel competed in the 400-meter dash and won a medal in sixth.

Tyrone Rhone joined the team after a scout tryout for a professional football team. Rhone anchored the 4x100 relay to a second place finish and captured an individual eighth place medal in the 100-meter dash.

Women

The University of Wisconsin-Stout women's track and field team started the season off on a bad note. Their spring break trip was cancelled due to budget concerns and the first two meets were snowed out.

Marci Schachtner threw an NCAA Qualifying mark in the hammer at the Norse Relays in Iowa and is ranked 22nd in the nation. Ann Schachtner had a great meet in La Crosse, Wis. throwing the shot put 44'2" this past week to win the meet against some very tough competitio. This moved her into ninth place in the nation. Marci and Ann both have their goals set to make it to the National Championships this year in Canton, NY.

"I have been working really hard all year on my throwing technique to help the team score points and hopefully represent UW-Stout at the National Championships," said sophomore early childhood education major Marci Schachtner. "I am very excited and ready to see how far we can make it."

Senior Amy Biegel medaled in the Heptathlon, at the Conference Championships for the second consecutive year.

Senior Heidi Bedsted had a very good conference meet setting personal records in both the Steeplechase and the 5,000-kilometer run.

Tracy Oostdyk was fifth in the WIAC Championships in the Steeplechase and along the way broke the school record with a time of 11:53. Oostdyk was also the top 1500-kilometer runner for most of the team's season.

"The Steeplechase is always an exciting event," said junior graphic communication major Oostdyk. "I feel the support of the team and Coach Harlan led me to the podium."

The women's team started out rough but they proved their potential in the end.

Water skiers win state

Ryan Wessley
The Stoutonia

This past weekend, while many students were outside enjoying the beautiful weather, 25 University of Wisconsin- Stout students were competing against 11 other teams for the Wisconsin Collegiate Water-ski State Title, and UW-Stout brought home the gold.

Competition took place in Adams Friendship, Wis., with three events: slalom, trick skiing and jumping. A wakeboard competition also took place on Sunday.

For the past two years UW-Stout has consistently finished in third place, behind University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Wisconsin-La Crosse, both who have very strong teams.

"The team acknowledges this victory to the ability to water-ski and wakeboard everyday on Lake Menomin," said sophomore business major Julie Wildenberg, club member. "Also the hard working members who organize practices and tournaments make the club a success."

Steve Jones, Nathan Birchler, Joe Bell and Mike Tomaso turned out some high placements in their specific events.

The UW-Stout men's team finished first overall in every event.

Allison Lamon placed second overall for the women, while also placing first in trick skiing and fourth in jump. Allison Lamon, Codee Peterson and Julie Wildenberg all tied for fifth place in the women's slalom division.

The women's team finished third in each event. Overall, the UW-Stout water-ski team won with a score of 4,190. Second place fell to the University of Illinois with 4,070 points, and in third place with a score of 3,880 was UW-Madison. Pete Cornell and Phil Murtha both competed in the wakeboard competition on Sunday and Murtha qualified for the finals round later that day.

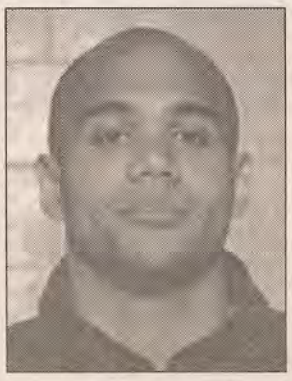
"It's really cool how they include wakeboarding now in some of the water-ski tournaments," said Pete Cornell of UW-Madison "They even brought in an awesome Master Craft X-Star for us to glide across the water behind instead of the Master Crafts they had for the skiers."

The UW-Stout Water-ski Team also does a fair share of barefoot skiing. Five UW-Stout Water-ski Team members will be competing in the fifth Annual Frostbite Figure Eight Barefoot Competition on Saturday, May 10, at LaPointe Park in Menomonie.

There will be concessions, raffle prizes and some of the best barefooters in the Midwest. Students are encouraged to cheer on the UW-Stout water-ski team as they close out the season.

For more information visit: http://www.uwstout-waterski.com.

Stoutonia's Athlete of the week



Nate Templer

The Facts:
Track and Field
Junior
Beaver Dam, WI
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Each week *The Stoutonia* will honor the best performances of a UW-Stout athlete with the Stoutonia Athlete of the Week.

This week:

Nate Templer earned two second place finishes Saturday, May 3 at the 2003 Wisconsin Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (WIAC) Outdoor Track & Field Championships at Stevens Point.

Templer was second in the 100-meter dash, 10.94 seconds and the 200-meter dash, 21.62. Templer's 200 time was an NCAA Division III provisional qualifying time.

Templer also plays basketball. Among many other accomplishments, last season he started all 25 games, was named honorable mention all-conference and WIAC player of the week.

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Joys and woes of playing ball

Rebecca Werner
The Stoutonia

WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

The UW-Stout women's softball team finished their season 17-20 on May 3, 2003 at conference. They battled hard against UW-Eau Claire and were defeated. They turned around and tried to hold out UW-Superior, but with no advantage.

"We went 13 innings before Eau Claire scored their first and only run needed to win the game," said women's softball coach Chris Stainer. "It was tough for the players to turn around and battle Superior right away when they had put so much into the Eau Claire game."

Despite the tough finish, the team looks back on a satisfactory season. A favorite game for the team was against UW-Eau Claire early in the season.

Along with the defeat of our neighbor and opposition UW-Eau Claire were some notary individual performances by the team members.

"We have had more highlights than I can think of," said Stainer, "but some biggies must be: Erin O'Connell was leading the nation in homeruns; Kaela Wold has been an outstanding offensive weapon this year, having numerous game winning hits and Megan Donley and Emily Zahn (freshmen pitchers) combined to throw a perfect game vs. Division II University of Minnesota-Morris."

Those, among other performances, are what keeps the team looking forward to next year. Well, that and the new field.

"It looks as though we will finally be on our new field this fall," said Stainer. "So, this will be a highlight for everyone, current players, new players and alumni. We will all appreciate the opportunity to play on-campus next year."

With the many positive plays of the season, the team leaves satisfied with what they accomplished; things that a score board cannot express.

"Our conference and overall record does not truly reflect the amount of talent we have on this team," said sophomore early childhood education major Erin O'Connell. "We have a lot of potential on this team, which our record doesn't reflect."

MEN'S BASEBALL

On a lower note, the men's baseball team did not fare as well as they had hoped. Their season ended on May 4, 2003 to St. Scholastica leaving them with a 10-30 record.

"It was kind of depressing," said freshman technology education major Adam Olson. "Mostly with how many games we played and how we played."

The team ended the season on a negative note. The lack of a better performance confounded some.

"Our team was really young this year," said Olson. "We had a lot of positions changed this year too."

Due to those explanations, the UW-Stout men's baseball team prepares for a comeback season next year.

"Hopefully we will have an all-around better performance," said sophomore technology education major Joe Miller. "There will be some guys coming back, so that will be good. We won't be so young."

With this year gone, the team now counts their strengths that will carry them into victory in 2004.

"Next year I think we will be better," said Olson. "We have more experience and we won't be so nervous."



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Women's Softball: UW-Stout's women's softball team ended their season with a 17-20 score, jsut shy of their team goal. They are happy with their successful season and looking forward to next year.
Men's Baseball: The men's baseball season let down many of the players. Goals for next year are looking attainable and optimistic.



Bocce ball is fun and exercise in one



OFFBASE
Jimmy Wiedeman

With warm weather finally here, you notice all sorts of people coming out of the woodwork to enjoy the warm weather. I have seen people killing time in the sun by playing frisbee golf, volleyball, basketball or throwing around the ball. I have also noticed a different sport, (if I dare call it a sport), bocce ball.

First thing I thought of when I saw people playing bocce ball was they have no athletic talent and have to resort to bocce ball.

That opinion quickly changed when my neighbor Mike invited me to join the game. After debating to play or do homework, I joined the team.

The rules are: A pallino ball, the size of a golf ball, is thrown to a spot on the grass by the winner of a coin toss.

Next, players take turns throwing the bocce ball, which is a certain color and size. The goal is to get the closest to the pallino.

After throwing the bocce ball, the closest ball to the pallino wins a point. The winner of the point has control of the pallino.

This repeat's until points add up to a target number of points (usually 15).

Sounds easy, doesn't it? That is what I thought. Well, remember going golfing for the first time and looking at the green and thinking, it doesn't look difficult? Then you tried it and shot 12 feet past the hole. The same thing happened to me when I threw my first bocce ball. It landed 15 feet short of the pallino. Yep, I said 15 feet.

After a few games, I learned how to read the land around the pallino, much like learning to read a green. You have to look at the lay of the land, distance, speed and obstacles in the way of reaching the pallino. You also have to worry about the position of the opponent's bocce ball. You may need to rifle, your ball to get an opponents ball away from pallino.

It took me five matches to finally pull out a winner. I would have to say, bocce ball is harder than it looks and takes some talent. Also, I found out that it is a cheap way to kill time while enjoying the sun with friends.